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IN THE NORTH.

PEKING MARCH ON SHANSI.

"THREE ROUTES."

Govt Troops Supplied With Newly Purchased Arms.

PESSIMISM IN NATIONALIST RANKS OVER HUNAN.

Units of the Peking Government are reported to be marching on points in Shansi province which were attacked before the recent lull set in. The march is announced to be in "three routes," a term very much in favour among Chinese militarists when announcing an offensive. Arms which were supposed to have been purchased abroad are being distributed among the Peking Army. One of the Generals who received 10,000 rifles is a former governor of Swatow who joined the Northerners after the 1925 debacle.

Pessimism has again set in regarding Chiang Kai-shek and the Hunanese situation, as one of the Nationalist units there is believed to be opposed to Nanking.

No development of importance is reported from Canton except the embarkation of a brigade of Papersides for the East River on an expedition against the Swabue Reds.

CANTON QUIET.

Cables from Tientsin state that the order to attack Shansi province was given on Thursday, after which a fairly large force began moving up to the old front "in three routes." The object is to crush General Yen Hsi-shan who threw in his lot with the Nationalists last year.

Arms and munitions are being distributed to Peking forces in the field. The largest allotment is of 10,000 rifles. One of these went to General Lau Chee-luk, a former Cantonese governor of Swatow, who has distinguished himself in rearguard actions against the Nationalists.

HUNAN PROBLEM.

What Each One Is Doing To Another.

General Tan Yen-kai is still dubious of going to Hankow to take up the appointment (by Chiang Kai-shek) of commander of the 4th Nationalist Group Army, according to the "Kung Sheng Yat Po."

Another report says that General Cheng Chien, who is a Hunanese and now has much power in Hunan, is opposed to Chiang Kai-shek, but favours a private understanding with General Tan Yen-kai himself, in the interests of Hunan military clique. Tan Yen-kai is also closely related to Hunan and there may be soon truth in this report.

Chiang Kai-shek, however, is supposed to have confidence in the outcome, as he has ordered Cheng Chien to bring his troops to join the war against Peking.

To confuse the issue further, an overnight message says that Cheng Chien's command has been contaminated by Red influence. General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the big four of the Kwangsi group and a colleague of Li Chai-sum of Canton) has acted drastically to prevent the Red element spreading. Pei Chung-hsi, it should be noted, is co-operating with Cheng Chien in Hunan in a drive against the Hunanese hordes, some of which are stated to have surrendered to Pei Chung-hsi and Cheng Chien.

CANTON REPORTS.

Papersides Depart: Unions Closed.

Leading Generals now up-country are still being reported as "on their way back to Canton." The only development of importance is the departure of a brigade of Ironsides (from their barracks in Honan) to the East River, as the nucleus of an expedition to be sent against the Swabue Reds who have over-run the countryside between Swatow and Blas Bay.

Five more labour unions have been closed and a women's institution has also been proscribed. Powers and Peking.

Peking, Yesterday. Despite the Chinese official statement of Feb. 22 that the Note on the land leases in Man-

MR. E. B. C. HORNELL.

Leaves On Monday For Shanghai.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Good Work For Peak Residents And Flower Shows.

Hong Kong loses a resident who for many years has been prominently associated with its interests, in the departure on Monday for Shanghai of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Secretary of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., and a member of the staff of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.

Mr. Hornell has been transferred to the Shanghai branch of Jardine, Matheson's.

Mr. Hornell first came out East in 1906 when he joined the Shanghai staff of Jardine, Matheson's being transferred to Hong Kong ten years later as Secretary of the China Sugar Refining Co.

During Mr. Hornell's residence in Hong Kong he has taken a prominent part in many local activities. He was one of the promoters and organisers of the Peak Residents' Association which was founded in the early part of 1922 and has been assiduous in following up questions raised by Peak residents through the medium of the Association. He has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Association since its inception and it is satisfactory to note that a capable successor has been found in Mr. A. Murdoch, of Jardine, Matheson's.

Residents' Gratitude.

Mr. Hornell has also been Secretary of the Peak Club since early in 1923 and he was recently the recipient of a presentation for his work in connection with that body, the presentation of a silver salver inscribed with a hundred and twenty names being made by Mr. F. C. Hall, Chairman of the Club.

Another branch of local activity with which Mr. Hornell has been associated is the Hong Kong Angling Club. It was the original intention of the promoters of this Club to obtain data on fresh-water and sea-water fishing with a view to compiling a record which would be of use to angling enthusiasts. Nothing has been done in this connection for some time and it is being considered whether it would be best to bring the society to an end or to continue with a view to attaining the original object of the founders.

Interest In Rowing.

Mr. Hornell was the donor of the Hornell Cup for Hong Fours (rowing), his object being to encourage rowing among those who are engaged in office work here and who have not the opportunities for keeping fit as fall to the lot of Service members. Some years ago, Mr. Hornell himself took an active part in rowing and was cox to the Jardine, Matheson crew.

As Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society since 1924, Mr. Hornell has done much to keep the Society's aims before the public and on him devolved much onerous work in connection with the organisation of the Society's Flower Show. As a competitor from his own garden and as Secretary of the Peak Club, Mr. Hornell has carried off many prizes at the Shows.

Mrs. Hornell will also be missed from Peak social circles. She has been on the Advisory Committee of the Peak Club and has served on the Committee of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. She was a keen and accomplished golfer and got through to the final of the Ladies' Championship when she was beaten by Mrs. Tottenham. She was also in the final of the Captain's Cup which was won by Mrs. Dowdell.

A presentation was made to Mr. E. B. C. Hornell yesterday at the manager's office, China Sugar Refinery when there was a large gathering of the Refinery Staff.

In the absence of Mr. G. M. Shaw, the Manager, the presentation was made by Mr. S. Baker, Chief Engineer.

Reference to the difficult times through which the Colony and the businesses associated with it had passed, was made in the course of the speeches and tribute to Mr. Hornell was paid for the manner in which these difficulties had

SPIRIT OF YOUTH.

Britons Who Go Overseas.

EXTENDING FACILITIES.

Dominions Secretary Points Out How Empire Will Gain.

London, Yesterday. The House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of a private bill, the object of which is to extend the benefits of the Empire Settlement Act.

Mr. A. A. Somerville (Conservative) who moved the second reading, urged the necessity of giving more encouragement to the spirit of adventure of the young men of this country. He said we ought to be sending out to the Dominions yearly two or three hundred thousand men instead of the present average of fifty to sixty thousand.

The Rev. Hon. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, said the Government endorsed the second reading of the bill with some reservations. He deprecated the idea involved in a bill of using unemployment benefit for the assistance of emigration. He said it was only men likely to succeed that we ought to encourage to go Overseas. The mere fact of men being unemployed was not in itself any argument why we should run risk of exchanging unemployment in this country with Home surroundings for unemployment in unfamiliar surroundings.

A great deal of hesitation and the restricted attitude towards Empire settlement which was shown overseas, particularly in some dominions, was due to the idea that we were trying to get rid of people we did not want here in order to let them take their chance of sinking or swimming.

CLOUDY AND MISTY.

North-east winds, fresh, cloudy, with mist, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

ming overseas. Unemployment was our own domestic problem which we had got to solve on our own lines by finding the true balance of industry and readjusting the occupations of our population.

We were not asking the Dominions to help us to solve our own problems. What we were doing in settlement was in the spirit of willing co-operation in Empire matters in moving people from one part of the Empire to another. It was very desirable to make it quite clear here and in the Dominions that this was a policy of co-operation and not a policy of our trying to get the major advantage for more population was greater than our need of reducing our population. While we should benefit from it, the country to which the emigration went should benefit even more.

Mr. Amery recalled that the Empire Settlement Act came into force in 1922. In the first three years the average number of persons assisted to migrate was 40,000 and in 1926-27 the number was over 64,000. In 1927 there was a slight reduction as compared with 1926 of 2,500 almost entirely due to local depression in New Zealand. Taking all the circumstances of these years into account, he thought they had not done so badly.—British Wireless Service.

A REDUCTION.

HOME CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

London, Yesterday. The Civil Service estimates for 1928 total £292,894,000, a reduction of £8,497,000.—Reuter.

COLONY'S MONEY.

On Dec. 1, 1927, the Colony's exchequer balance was \$4,967,884.72. During November, the receipts totalled \$2,077,745.08 and the expenditure \$1,808,241.51. The Colony's assets total \$15,875,013.08.

been overcome, also to the staff for their loyal co-operation. Particular reference was made to the compradore, Mr. Choa Pien, who also replied.

ARCHITECT WINS.

Suit For Professional Services.

JUDGMENT FOR \$9,251.

Mr. E. D. Shank v. Mr. Louis Leung.

A sum of \$500 having been paid into Court by the defendant, judgment was given by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in Original Jurisdiction this morning, for plaintiff in the sum of \$9,251, at the conclusion of a case which occupied several days at the Supreme Court.

The claim was for \$9,751, in respect of architectural services, the plaintiff being Mr. E. D. Shank, of Powell's Building, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Excavation Company, and the defendant being Louis Leung, of 9, Connaught Road.

The claim was in respect of negotiations in 1924 when defendant proposed to put up thirty houses in Kowloon and it was suggested by counsel for plaintiff that defendant at the time of the building boom was anxious to push on with the work but when the boom slackened he did not proceed with the scheme and had now repudiated the arrangement come to for architect's fees.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., was for plaintiff and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for defendant.

LYING IDLE.

SOVIET GOLD IN AMERICA.

New York, Yesterday. \$5,000,000 of Soviet gold lies impotent in the vaults of New York banks, according to the "Herald Tribune," in consequence of the Treasury Department's ban of 1921 forbidding the admission of gold from the Soviet Union to the Federal Reserve Bank. The newspaper points out that only a special order from Washington can make the gold effective for the purposes intended.—Reuter.

POLICE KILLED.

SUSPECTED CONSPIRATORS IN LISBON.

Lisbon, Yesterday. A party of suspected conspirators assassinated two police detectives who were investigating their activities.—Reuter.

HINKLER FLIGHT.

A REPORTED FORCED LANDING.

Sydney, Yesterday. Hinkler, who is en route for Bunda Berg, is reported to have had a forced landing.—Reuter.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. A. TRAMBITZKY & MISS V. GRUNBERG.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Alexis A. Trambitzky, of Foreign Products Distributors, China Building, son the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Trambitzky, of Petrograd, and Miss Valentina P. Grunberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Grunberg, of Hong Kong. The Rev. W. W. Rogers, Vicar, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a robe of style of white taffeta with silver net and silver shoes to match. Her bouquet was of white roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Z. Leck, wore a dress of crepe de chine and crepe georgette of light violet colour with hat to match and carried a bouquet of light pink roses. Miss A. Miller, the flower girl, wore a pink satin dress with silver lace. The bride's mother was attired in beige georgette.

The best man was Dr. M. V. Obrembaki. Friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained after the ceremony at 563, Nathan Road, after which the young couple left for their honeymoon at Macao.

UNDER ARMS.

MILLION AND A HALF MEN.

GRAND CONFLICT COMING.

Peking Govt. And Nationalist Federation At Issue.

FORCES IN FIGHTING LINE WILL NOT BE VERY BIG.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

Competent observers estimate that one and a half million men in China are under arms. With the Peking Government and the Nationalist federation, both preparing for a grand conflict shortly, it may be supposed that a very intensive campaign is due.

Such is unlikely to be the case. At the most, and including reserves behind the front line, from four to five hundred thousand will be engaged. Fronts may extend for many miles but conditions cannot approach those which one associates with such vast armies in other parts of the world.

LONG FRONTS.

Superiority in numbers now lies with the Nationalist side. On paper the Nationalists have an overwhelming advantage. But it should be known that less than half of the Nationalist forces can be put into the field.

Possession of large territory is a military disadvantage in China. Units have to be spread out and are thereby rendered vulnerable. The Northerners had more provinces when the war began in 1926 and the wider the scope, the less unity there was in command. Relative positions are now reversed. The North clings on only to two provinces in China Proper, but defends with only a moderate degree of enthusiasm the comparatively short semi-circular front. Most of the units are in the centre—whence they can be shifted conveniently when necessary.

Nationalist Revival.

That conference at Kaifeng, where Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (as commander-in-chief of the Nanking Nationalist Government's forces) and General Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General" (as commander-in-chief of the Kuominchun), called themselves brothers, has turned to be a stroke for the Nationalists. Chiang Kai-shek showed himself to be in earnest and his prestige was revived somewhat by the "Christian General's" profession of goodwill towards him. It may well be that some of the Nationalist Generals who were pleased to see Chiang Kai-shek resign last August have now been won back to his support.

Peking's Fighting Men.

The forces under Chang Tso-lin, Marshal of the Ankuochun, number about 300,000 men, of whom half or a little more are engaged in war service. The remainder perform garrison service in Manchuria or in areas behind the war zones. The "half" includes the 2nd Army under General Chang Tsung-chang (about 40,000 in the war) and General Sun Chuan-fang's 1st Army (of about 25,000 men). These two armies are in Shantung, facing the (projected) frontal attack of the Nationalists and flank thrusts by the "Christian General."

Of Chiang Kai-shek's allies, the "Christian General" is the most powerful. He can probably spare 70,000 of his 100,000 men for war service. General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi has about 60,000 troops, nearly all of whom are on "active" service in the campaign against Peking, in which neither side has shown energy.

CHILD KNOCKED DOWN.

A rather serious motor accident occurred at Aberdeen yesterday morning, when a Chinese lad was knocked down by private motor car No. 78, and sustained a fracture to the ribs. The boy was at once removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

STOLEN OYSTERS.

A Chinese contractor named Chui-po-tin, a native of Pin-shan in the New Territories, reports to the Police regarding a robbery three years ago of 2,000 picul of oysters from his oyster beds. The loss is estimated at \$3,000. The Police are investigating the matter.

What Money Can Do.

At the moment, Chiang Kai-shek has not more than 25,000 men in position for action against the Ankuochun in Shantung. Reinforcements are to be sent soon. There are several armies posted in the rich territory around Hangchow, Shanghai, Nanking and Wuhu. The commanders of these have manifested fluctuating degrees of loyalty; but as soon as Mr. T. V. Soong gets the required funds, they are unlikely to risk Chiang Kai-shek's displeasure by refusing to fight. Quotas from these can bring the Nationalist front line strength up to 75,000 if not 100,000.

Kwangsi's Big Four.

Reference to the Nationalist armies at Shanghai and Nanking brings to mind the name of a General who was probably the strongest after Chiang Kai-shek's resignation, and who has faded entirely into the background during the last few weeks. He is Li Tsung-jen, one of the big four of the Kwangsi faction dominating Canton. It is known that he handed over a good many of his best men to another of the big four, Pei Chung-hsi, for service against the Hunanese. But he has upward of 10,000 remaining in the Shanghai-Nanking zone or thereabouts.

How Canton Comes In.

Are these to be placed at Chiang Kai-shek's disposal? In their present position, such a development will not occasion surprise; and it will lead to renewed practical co-operation between Li Tsung-jen and Chiang Kai-shek which, in turn, may have the way to closer relationship between Canton and Chiang Kai-shek.

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Estimated Strengths.

The estimated strengths in the impending war might be summarised as follows:

	Peking Government.
Shantung Army	40,000
Sun Chuan-fang	25,000
Manchurian units	85,000
	150,000
	Nationalist Allies
Chiang Kai-shek's	75,000
"Christian General"	70,000
Shansi's whole army	60,000
	205,000

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong, 25th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD., have been appointed our authorised dealers for Hong Kong and South China as from the 1st day of February, 1928.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong, 25th February, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February to SATURDAY the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928 to WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

MOJI MARU Tuesday, 28th February.

SADO MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,

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CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

* YAMAGATA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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CHINESE ACTION.

The American s.s. "Edmore" was held up in Amoy for several days by the local Labour Unions, as a result, it was stated, of the shooting of a sampan man who was alleged to have pilfered cargo.

The sampan man, it appears, was discovered by the Chief Officer making away from the ship with three sacks of flour which appeared to form part of a cargo which the "Edmore" was discharging in Amoy. The man was called up to stop but disregarded the order. Two warning shots were then fired by the Chief Officer with his revolver but still the sampan man did not stop. A third shot was then fired after him, this time the Chief Officer aiming at the fugitive's leg and wounding the man. One of the two earlier shots unfortunately ricocheted and

hit the master of a nearby sampan in the stomach. This man subsequently died of his injury.

Boycott.

The result of this affair was that the Labour Unions in Amoy called a boycott against the "Edmore" and the discharging of her cargo was held up for some days. In the meantime the Unions made demands for compensation for the dead and wounded, through the local authorities and the Customs.

The American Consul then took a hand in the matter and it was reported that a U. S. destroyer arrived at Amoy on Thursday morning. A few hours later, the "Edmore" sailed for Hong Kong. In view of the fact that the s.s. "Cupram" is due in Amoy on Monday, and fearing that the Labour Unions will take further action with regard to this ship, Mr. T. B. Wilson of the Dollar Line left for Amoy yesterday afternoon. It is also understood that the destroyer will remain in Amoy to meet the "Cupram" there.

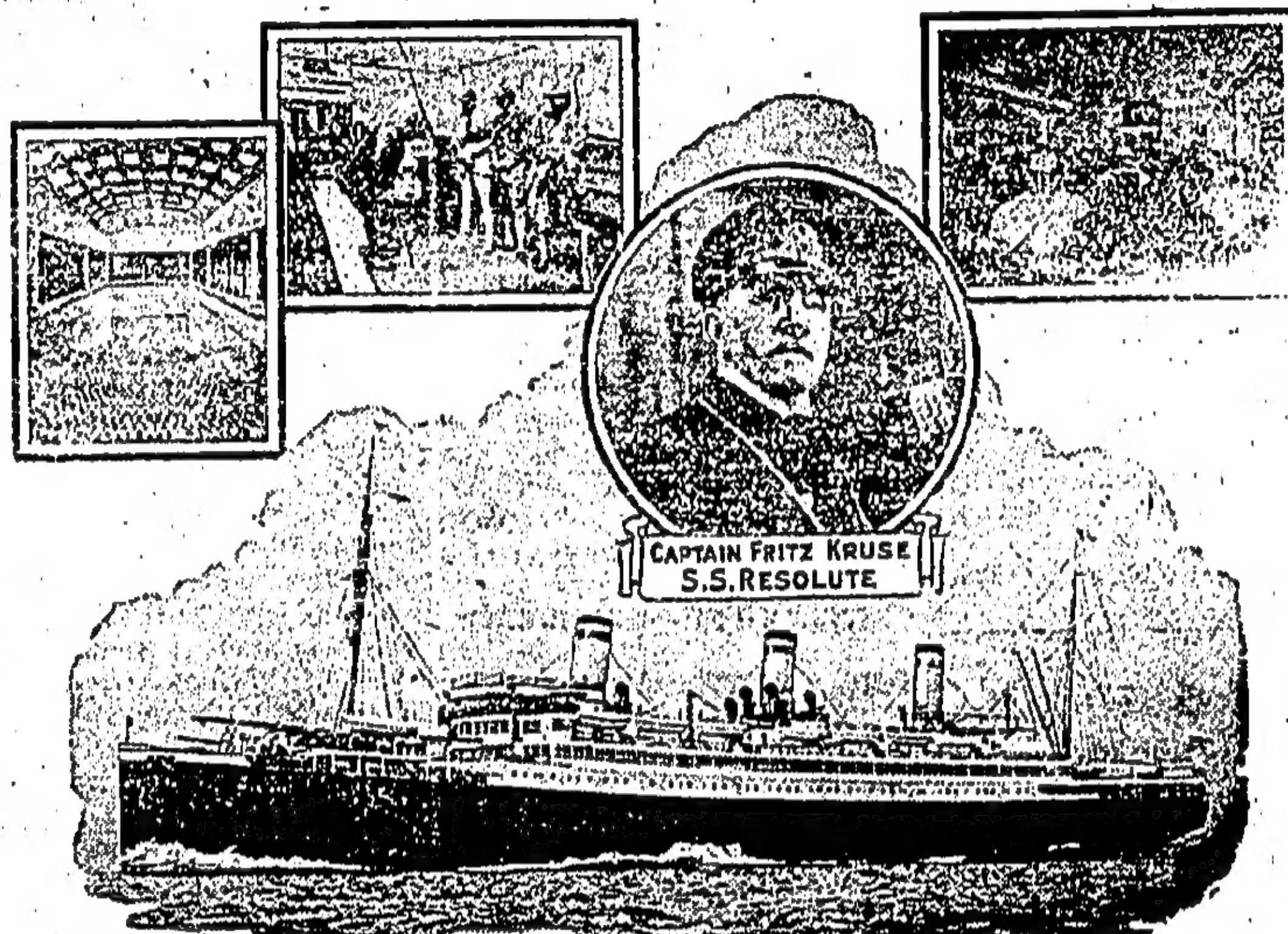
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Under the direction of the D. F. Robertson Travel Bureau, of Los Angeles, a party of fifty-five American Tourists will arrive in Hong Kong on March 10, on the s.s. "President Polk," on a round-the-world cruise. The party sailed from Los Angeles to Honolulu, Kobe, Yokohama, Shanghai and will go from here to the Philippines, the Malay States, Ceylon, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, Syria, Greece, and on arrival at Naples will proceed by automobile through Europe visiting all points of interest.

The Dollar Line round-the-world steamer "President Hayes" arrived at Hong Kong this morning. She will continue her voyage at 8 a.m. to-morrow, making the following ports of call en route:—Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Genoa, Marseilles, New York, Boston, Havana, Cristobal, Balboa, Port of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Kobe, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
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HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi), Monday, 5th March.

INDUS MARU (Calls at Penang) Tuesday, 20th March.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.

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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderpore" left Moji for this port on February 20 at 7 a.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 p.m.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Toledo" sailed from New York on February 13, and is due here on April 12.

The B.I. & Apar Line s.s. "Takliwa" left Singapore for this Port on Feb. 23, p.m., and is due here on Feb. 28, a.m.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang on Feb. 21, and is due here on March 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" will sail for Manila to-day, at 5 p.m. She is due here at 8.00 a.m. on the 5th March, and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Tugela" sailed from New York on January 18, and is due here on March 9.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

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Two new ships built by the Tal-koo Dock, are to be added to the Straits Steamship Co.'s fleet. The "Tunsong," was launched on Jan. 6, and has now reached her owners. She has accommodation for eight first-class passengers and will trade between Pulo Langkawi, Kangtung and Tongkah.

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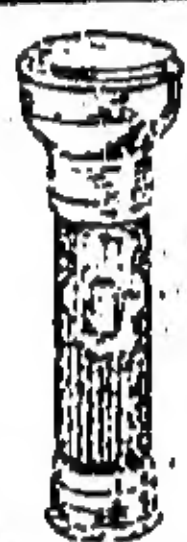
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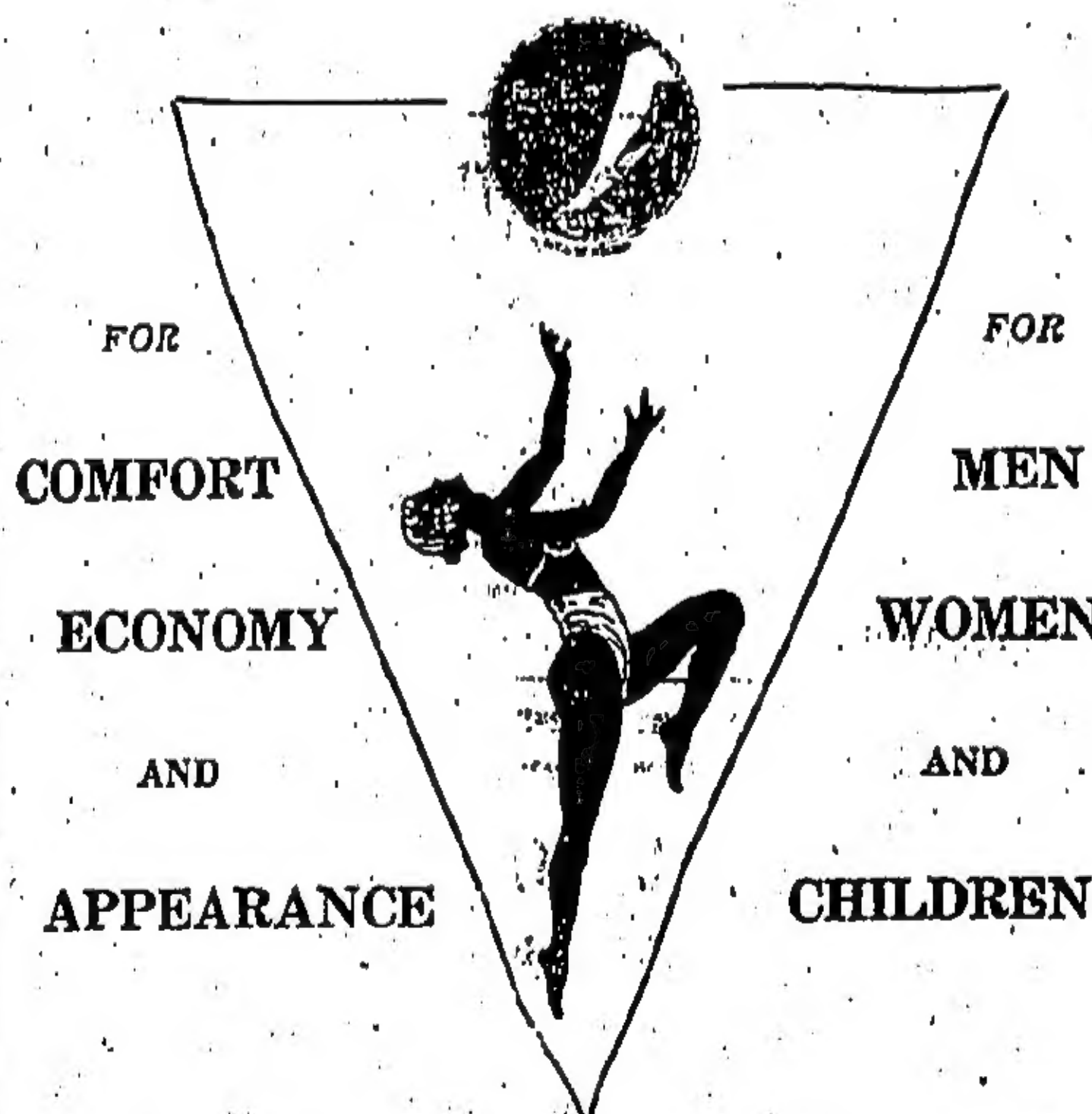
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MARRIAGE.

McINTOSH-ROSS.—On January 21,
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Upper Norwood, London, by
the Rev. H. Martin, M.A.,
James Stuart McIntosh, son of
the late Henry McIntosh,
Edinburgh and Mrs. McIntosh,
Kowloon Dock, Hong Kong, to
Betsy Ross, only daughter of
the late William and Mary
Ross, Macduff, Banffshire,
Scotland.

DEATH.

GIBSON.—On January 28, at Stan-
more, Salt Spring Island B.C.,
Canada, Emerson Fitzgerald
Gibson, late of Hong Kong,
aged 64 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Feb. 25, 1928.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Mr. Vaughan-Fowler's address
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local interest in the question of
flying generally and, in particular,
the part Hong Kong is likely
to play in the scheme for estab-
lishing bases for an Imperial air
line between Britain and Australia,
with possible extension to
the Far East. Admittedly, such a
service can not be established for
several years but as soon as the
difficulty of reconciling the Per-
sian authorities with the regular
transit of British aircraft is
overcome, a regular air service to
India should soon be a "fait ac-
compli" and the extension of the
scheme to embrace Australia and
subsequently other Empire out-

posts will only be a matter of a
year or two.

Hong Kong is already prepar-
ing for the part that is likely to
be assigned her as an air trans-
port centre for the Far East—the
work of completing Kai Tak re-
clamation in readiness for sea-
plane, aeroplane and, possibly,
airship accommodation is pro-
ceeding apace—but, arising out
of Mr. Vaughan-Fowler's com-
ment on aero-clubs, the question
arises as to whether we as a com-
munity cannot do more to show
our interest in and appreciation
of, the possibilities of commer-
cial flying. In Singapore there is
a recently formed, but thriving,
aero-club. In Hong Kong there
are a number of former R.F.C.,
R.N.A.S. and Air Force officers—
at any rate a meeting of former
members of the Royal Flying
Corps two years ago when a din-
ner was held was well attended
and at one time there was even a
discussion as to whether it would
not be possible to form a flying
section in connection with the
Volunteer Corps. Any such
scheme as the formation of an
aero-club would necessarily in-
volve considerable organisation
but, if there are enough en-
thusiastic spirits to see it
through, there is no reason why
Hong Kong, in common with
other Far Eastern centres, should
not be brought up to date in this
respect.

The Government appears to be
committed to the re-building of
the Government Civil Hospital on
a site adjacent to the present,
judging by a speech made by H.E.
the Governor this week. It ap-
pears to be somewhat of a pity
that when the chance of rebuild-
ing offers itself, advantage has
not been taken of the opportunity
to rebuild in a more suitable and
congenial district. The argu-
ment in support of the Govern-
ment's attitude are that the
Hospital is primarily for Chinese
—other Hospitals catering more
exclusively, for the European
population—and that therefore
the noises attendant on a busy
Chinese district will not affect
Chinese patients adversely as
they undoubtedly do European
patients at present owing to the
Hospital's location. The fact
that rebuilding on an adjacent
site—the grounds at present de-
voted to lawns and gardens and
a few stabling quarters are to be
utilised for the new building—will
entail considerably less trouble
and expense, is also adduced in

favour of the Government's de-
cision. These arguments, how-
ever, are not overwhelming. The
district is undoubtedly about the
noisiest in the city and noise can-
not be good for any patient,
Chinese or European. It seems a
pity that the levelled ground on
the partially demolished Morrison
Hill cannot be utilised for the re-
built Government Civil Hospital.
It is in ideal surroundings and al-
most as easy of access as the
present site. The Morrison Hill
site is said to be earmarked for
the new Queen's College but there
must be plenty of alternative
sites for this purpose. Is it too
much to hope that the last word
has not yet been said on this sub-
ject?

Another matter referred to by
His Excellency, in the course of
his review of local problems, was
that of the Colony's water supply.
For some years it has been ob-
vious that the island itself cannot
provide adequate water supplies
for its growing population. Water
restriction is still neces-
sary at certain times of the year
in spite of more and yet more
sources of supply having been
tapped. The scheme which it is
proposed to put in hand at Aber-
deen will help considerably but,
if the demand continues to in-
crease at the rate it has done in
past years, even this will not
completely solve the problem.
The Aberdeen scheme is to con-
struct waterworks at the head of
the valley, near the present re-
servoir belonging to the paper
mills, but as it was previously an-
nounced that this would be about
the last feasible area to be tapped
it becomes necessary to cast about
for other means of supplementing
the island supply in years to come.
The possibility of constructing a
distilling plant for utilising sea-
water was under consideration
for some time but the wisest
plan would appear to be that now
favoured by the Government for
connecting up with the mainland
sources, principally that provided
by the Shing Mun scheme, by
means of a pipe-line. If this
scheme is to be bound up with
that of building a tunnel across
the harbour it will be many years
before the island will receive the
benefit of the pipe-line but in the
meantime the Aberdeen work will
have progressed and this should
be sufficient to keep the Colony
going sufficiently until the main-
land water resources are connect-
ed up.

SIR M. LAMPSON.

**HIS RECEPTION AT
CANTON.**

TO CALL ON LI.

H.M.S. "Tarantula" with Sir
Miles Lampson on board, arrived
at Canton from Macao at 5.30
p.m., on Thursday, and was met
at the Shamien jetty by a large
gathering of foreign and Chinese
officials, who accorded the British
Minister a rousing welcome.

Those who were on the jetty
when Sir Miles landed, included
Mr. Brennan, the British Consul-
General, members of the Consular
Body at Canton and representa-
tives of the Kwangtung Provin-
cial Government. Amongst the
latter were, Mr. Chu Chao-hsin,
Commissioner of Foreign Affairs
and Mr. Lin Wen-kai, Mayor of
Canton.

Immediately the British Minis-
ter landed from his motor boat,
the Band played the National An-
them whilst a guard of honour
from the Queen's Regiment
drawn up on the Bund at Sha-
mien presented arms. After Sir
Miles had inspected the guard of
honour, he was escorted by Mr.
Brennan and Commissioners Chu
and Lin to the specially prepar-
ed residence opposite the British
Consulate.

As head of the Provincial Gov-
ernment and chairman of the
Canton branch of the Nationalist
Political Council, General Li Chai-
sum welcomed Sir Miles at lunch
yesterday.

Great Britain and China had
much in common and nothing in
conflict, said General Li Chai-
sum. In view of traditional re-
lations, the province of Kwang-
tung, the key to strengthen the
ties of the two countries.
In his reply, Sir Miles emphasised
that Britain had no political
object in China; Britain's de-
sires were peace and friendship.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

**BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTATION.**

YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

A successful year's work was
reported at the annual prize dis-
tribution yesterday of the Bellios
Public School. The maximum en-
rolment for the year was reported
to be 536. The results of the
Junior and Senior Local examina-
tions were very satisfactory, there
being twelve entries and nine
passes for the former and eleven
entries and nine passes for the
latter. The School authorities
were indebted to Mr. J. d'Almeida,
Secretary of the "Socorro
Mutuo" for kindly presenting
four prizes for efficiency in Por-
tuguese.

The Headmistress in her report
also commented on the fact that
the girls were showing more in-
clination to carry their studies be-
yond Matriculation standard and to
take advantage of the opportunities
the Hong Kong University offered.
It was regrettable that the School
had no scholarships for senior
students, as financial reasons often
prevented them from so carrying
on.

In conclusion, the Headmistress
referred to the work of the Old
Girls' Association, the formation of
a School Company of Girl Guides
and the inauguration of a school
magazine.

In the course of the ceremony,
Dr. T. S. Tao and Mr. J. R. Wood
addressed the students.

Prizes Awarded.

The prizes, which were presented
by Lady Chow, wife of Sir Shou-son
Chow, were as follows:

Government Free Scholarships
for 1928: Class 1, Ho Siu-hing;
2, Lee Tun-yung; 3, Kung Chuk-
yee; 4, Wong Yiu-heung; 5, Lum
Tsui-ying; 6, Chau Mod; 7, Yung
Mo-chun.

English Class Prizes: Class 1,
Hui Wai-han; 2, Bertha Remedios;
3, (I) Sylvia Remedios, (II), Tam
Lai-yiu; 4, (I) Tsang Lai-kwan,
(II), Tam Mo-wun; 5, (I) Yu
Sheung-woon, Tong Yim-yu, (II),
Alice Rodrigues; Upper 6, (I)
Wong Hea-lan, (II), Kwok Lai-
ping; Lower 6, (I) Lee Kwai-han,
(II), Kwong Fung-mui; 7A, (I) Lo
To-di; (II) Cheng Lai-ching; 7B,
(I) Jau Fung-ku, (II), Wong Suk-
hing; 7C, Poon Nai-mui; 8A, (I)
Leung Lok-ching, (II), Sung Ngan-
ku; 8B, Kwok Wing-han; 8C,
Choi Ping-chee; Std. IIIA, Yeung
Sui-yee; IIIB, Ho Siu-hing;
IIIC, Fung Tak-chun; IIA, Ng
Cheuk-yin; IIB, Chan Wai-tim;
IIC, Yuen Kam-lan.

Chinese Class Prizes: Class 1,
Hui Wai-han; 2, Ho Siu-hing; 3,
Lee Tun-yung; 4, Sung Yuk-ting;
5, Cheung Di-king; Upper 6, Lo
Siu-kow; Lower 6, Yeung Choi-lai;
7A, Cheng Lai-ching; 7B, Wong
Chun-yim; 7C, (I) Poon Nai-mui,
(II), Fung Miu-yung; 8A, Cheung
Woon-fong; 8B, (I) Tse Kam-ying,
(II), Di Do-chun; 8C, (I) Lau Miu-
ying, (II), Lo Yui-ko; Std. IIIA,
(I) Wong Hon-lau, (II) Cheung
Mo-ching; IIIB, (I) Ho Siu-hing,
(II) Chan Sau-kee; IIIC, (I)
Leung Po-fun, (II) Ng Lai-chun;
IIA, (I) Chiu Yee-hung, (II) Hou
Po-chun; IIB, (I) Chiu King-eh,
(II) Lui Kam-fung; IIC, (I) Yuen
Kam-lan, (II) Mok Lai-kwan; IA,
(I) Wong Nee-yim (II) Cheng
Kam-chuen; IB, (I) Fung Suet-lan,
(II) Ho Lai-king.

Prizes for Portuguese.—Prizes
for passing the Junior Local Ex-
amination in Portuguese awarded to:
Bertha Remedios, Francisca
Gomes, Carmen Rodrigues.

Prize for proficiency in Por-
tuguese awarded to: Sylvia Rem-
edios.

Cup for Cookery and Needlework
(presented by Mrs. Bird), awarded
to: Wong Yiu-yuk.

Certificates for First Aid (First
Certificate): Kwok Siu-ying, Ng
Po-yung, Li Sau-feng, Tam Lai-
yiu, Lee Tun-yung.

External Scholarship Certifi-
cates:—Std. IVA, Chan Pui-soi;
IV, Leung Kwun-tai; IIIC, Ling
Lai-ting, Chui Kwai-ho; Cheng
Yuk-chun, Fung Sau-kam, Lo Fung-
sang, Mak Lai-yung, Leung Mo-
tsing, Cheung King-ku, Chau Sau-
hing, Tsim Sau-ting.

Certificates and prizes awarded
to those who passed the Junior
Local Examination in 1927: Ho Siu-
hing, Kwok Siu-ying, Tse Tong-tai,
Ng Po-yung, Wong Lai-wan, Fung
Miu-ting, Francisca Gomes, Bertha
Remedios, Carmen Rodrigues.

Certificates and prizes awarded
to those who gained a Senior Local
Certificate in the University Ex-
amination for 1927: Cheung Wai-
foon, Lo Hing-hing, Kwok Kit-
ming, Law Yuk-chun, Tang Yuk-
hing.

Certificates and prizes awarded
to those who matriculated in the
University Examination in 1927:
Hui Wai-han, Sung Ngan-lui, Fok
Kam-lun, Cheung Yuk-chun.

Matriculation Cup presented by
Lady Stubbs to those who gained
Matriculation: awarded to: Hui
Wai-han, Sung Ngan-lui, Fok Kam-
lun, Cheung Yuk-chun.

Attendance prizes to be held
for one year by: Class 7A (Miss
Yuen's Class), Standard IIIA,
(Miss Yuen's Class).

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

"Why are you putting 'personal'
on that letter to Mr. Durand?"
"I want his wife to open it."

Doctor: Has the patient been
delirious, nurse?

Nurse: Yes, doctor. When you
went he said "Has that idiot gone?"
—and those were the last sensible
words he said.

Doctor: H'm, I can't understand
what causes your rapid pulse.
Ailing Burglar (feebly): I ex-
pect it's the sight of that there
gold watch, doctor.

"Seems to me a woman would
rather have beauty than brains."
"Of course, most men are stupid,
but few are blind."

Counsel (to a witness in the
Chancery Division): "Are you a
lay preacher?"

Witness: "Am I what?"

"Do you preach at all on Sun-
day?"

"What do you mean? I'm a
wheelwright."

"Are you also a preacher?"

"I don't understand what you
mean."

Mr. Justice Eve: "Do you ever
go into the pulpit?"

Witness: "This is the nearest I
have ever been to one."

Plumber: Why aren't you satis-
fied with the way I mended the leak
in the bathroom pipe?

Housewife: We still use it as
the shower!

A little girl was standing before
a closed gate. A gentleman pass-
ed, and the little girl turned to him
and said:

"Will you please open this gate
for me?"

The gentleman did so, then he
said kindly:

And why, my child, couldn't you
open the gate yourself?

"Because," said the little girl,
"it had been painted, and the paint
not dry yet!"

"Why does your dog wag his tail
up and down instead of to and
fro?"

"It's just to economise space.
You see, he was brought up in a
modern flat."

Benevolent Party (cheerfully): I
see the scientists expect to cure
blindness by electricity.

Blind Man (gloomily): Yes;
these inventions are allus drivin'
some poor man out of business!

Teacher (to boy sitting idle
during writing lesson): Henry, why
are you not writing?

Henry: I ain't got no pen.

Teacher: Sir, where's your gram-
mar?

Henry: She's dead!

A little boy met his mate and
asked: "Billy, does your teacher
like you?"

"Yes!"

"How do you know?"

"Well, every time I take my sums
to her she puts a kiss alongside
them."

Mother (lowering paper): Did
you read about the Scotsman
being taken to hospital with his
head stuck in a loud-speaker?

Family: No! What about it?

Mother: Well, he was listening
in to a church service, when the
person who was handling around the
collection plate dropped it!

Kind Gentleman (to little boy
who is crying bitterly): Why,
sonny, whatever is the matter?

Jimmy: Boo-hoo! I can't reach
the knocker of that door!

Gentleman Never mind; I'll do
it for you. There, I've knocked
now.

Jimmy: Hee, hee; Now let's run.

A certain woman came before a
pension committee and stated that
she was seeking her "eternity"
benefit.

"Your what, madam?" queried
the chairman.

"My 'eternity' benefit," she re-
affirmed.

"My 'dear' woman, 'eternity'
means your 'hereafter.'"

"Yes, sir, that's what I'm here
after."

SHORTHAND CERTIFICATES.

The results of the Pitman's
shorthand examination held at the
French Convent in December are
now to hand as follows:

100 words per minute.—Miss R.
Perry.

80 words per minute.—Misses L.
Shearer, V. Hudson, M. Hudson,
D. Hirschberg, R. Perry, L. Deane-
field.

[The order of merit in the speed
is:—Miss R. Perry; 2, Miss L.
Shearer; 3, Miss V. Hudson.]

Elementary Certificates.—1, Miss
A. T. Lyndon; 2, C. Barretto; 3,
J. Hollands; E. Johnson; N. Brown,
N. Nargard.

BANK MEETING.

COLONY'S RECORD OF PROGRESS.

HINT TO CHINA.

Mr. Bernard's Review of Past Year's Activities.

UNITED OPPOSITION TO MILITARY TYRANNY ADVOCATED.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall this morning, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard most comprehensively reviewed the year's activities, both in regard to the Bank and China and the Far East generally.

He drew attention to the Colony's remarkable record of progress and in his final remarks, speaking of China's present plight, advocated that the middle classes should bind themselves into a practical and united opposition to the military tyranny that prevails.

The year's profit amounts to \$14,239,288 which, together with the amount brought forward, comes to \$17,638,353, a result described as eminently satisfactory.

SURVEY OF FINANCE.

The Chairman said:—Ladies and Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, having been in your hands for some time, I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

Before we proceed as usual with the adoption of the report and accounts and a general survey of the past year, there are two matters upon which I should like to touch. First I wish to invite attention to the record of progress in this Colony, the domicile of our bank, as described so graphically by His Excellency the Governor in his speech to the Legislative Council last September when he recorded the achievements of the past thirty years.

We see from the illuminating figures then given that, comparing 1926 with thirty years ago, the revenue of the Colony, had been multiplied by over eight, the civil population (now mounting toward a million) had more than doubled and there had been a rise of over 100 per cent. in the volume of foreign shipping. The figure for this last, namely 27 millions of tons, excluding junks, increased last year by 7 millions to the imposing total of 34 millions, of which almost exactly one-half was British.

His Excellency showed on that occasion what can be accomplished by British and Chinese co-operation in normal times, and although the needless and senseless boycotts and the internal strife throughout China may have checked the Colony's growth—even given it a temporary setback—yet once peace and order are restored, I feel certain that its vitality will be abundantly demonstrated in renewed prosperity and progress and that Hong Kong, acting in mutual co-operation with her great neighbour, will show an increasingly fine record in the years to come.

China's Possibilities.

Perhaps it is not out of place to quote a remark made by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen in an address to the students of the University of Hong Kong in 1923. Dr. Sun said he wondered how "Englishmen could do such things as they had done, for example, 'with the barren rock of Hong Kong within seventy or eighty years, while China in four thousand years had no place like 'Hong Kong.' It is unnecessary to point out that, with an administration of law and order, and consideration for her industrious population, China could accomplish equally wonderful changes throughout the country, and she would receive the whole-hearted co-operation of all foreigners in China, as well as that of their Governments, in bringing about such conditions as would make China one of the most prosperous countries in the world.

Management Change.

Secondly I have to refer to the change which has taken place in the Chief Management of the Bank since we last met.

As you know, Mr. A. H. Barlow, at the end of his six months' leave in September last, desired to retire from the East and your Directors accepted his resignation with very much regret. Mr. Barlow during his thirty-six years' service on the Eastern staff did very valuable work for the Bank. The three years of his tenure of the Chief Management were troublesome and arduous ones and the thanks of all shareholders are due to Mr. Barlow for the able manner in which he conducted the affairs of the Bank and looked after their interests. The results accomplished during that period speak for themselves and are evidence of his acceptable handling of

affairs. At the request of your Directors, Mr. Barlow agreed to make a short visit to one or two of the important Branches of the Bank and also to Peking where we suffered a heavy loss owing to the complicated and dishonest transactions of an old and trusted Chinese servant of the Bank who had been our Comptroller there for many years. At the conclusion of this visit, it is the intention of your Directors to invite Mr. Barlow to accept a seat on the London Consultative Committee of the Bank where his up-to-date knowledge of Far Eastern banking conditions will be of value to our Management in London.

Mr. Barlow is succeeded by the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes as Chief Manager of the Bank. Mr. Hynes is well known to all of you and in appointing him to the important post of Chief Manager your Directors did so in full confidence that your interests would be in sound and safe hands, and we all wish Mr. Hynes a long and successful tenure of his responsible position.

The Year's Profit.

Turning now to the statement of accounts, you will see that the net profit for the year, after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, amounts to \$14,239,288.14 which, together with \$3,399,065.84 brought forward from 1926 makes a total of \$17,638,353.98, or \$32,563.74 in excess of the corresponding figures for the preceding twelve months. You will, I know, agree with your Directors that the result is eminently satisfactory. After deducting the interim dividend of 23 paid in August last (viz.: \$480,000 at 2s. = \$4,800,000) and \$50,000 remuneration to Directors, the balance remaining for distribution is \$12,788,353.98 which we recommend being dealt with as follows:—

A final dividend of 23 per share plus a bonus of £2 per share (subject to deduction of Income Tax) amounting to \$2800,000 at exchange of 2/3/8, \$7,876,923.08.

Transfer to Silver Reserve Fund, \$500,000.00.

Write off Bank Premises Account, \$1,000,000.00.

And carry forward to the new account, \$3,411,430.90.

Total \$12,788,353.98.

Our investments show a very satisfactory margin on current market prices. A comparison of the balance sheet figures for 1926 and 1927 shows a decrease in total assets of \$62 millions. The decrease occurs principally under the headings of Cash and Bills Receivable, there being an offset in Securities which stand 24 millions higher than in the previous year. Reference to the Liabilities side will reveal a corresponding drop in Deposits which, taken in all, are less by just upon 80 millions. It will interest you to know that the fall in Deposits is traceable almost entirely to the diminished balances held with us at the end of the year by other banks. This is partly owing to the fact that in 1928 China New Year—when the demand for cash reaches its maximum point—fell at an exceptionally early date in our own calendar. There was also, especially in Malaya, a great improvement in trade towards the end of 1927 and more or less idle funds deposited with the Bank found active employment. Another reason for the decrease in the dollar figures is that the Assets and Liabilities of Branches operating in gold currencies have been calculated on the basis of exchange at 2/3/8 as compared with 1/11/2.

Silver Fluctuations.

During the past year the fluctuation in the price of silver was, with the exception of 1923 and 1925, the narrowest since 1911, the range being between a maximum of 28d. in February and a minimum of 24 3/4d. in January. The average for the year was a fraction over 26d. The sale by the Government of India of Standard Ozs. 9,200,000 from their holdings in the Silver Reserve in July was quietly and cleverly effected without immediate disturbance of the market. News of the transactions becoming known after the sales were complete caused the market to take fright and produced a sharp decline in price from a level of 26d. to 24 15/16d. As the fear of further sales by the Indian Government subsided, there was a gradual, though hesitating, recovery in the price and 26d. was again reached in October.

The chief absorbing countries for silver continue to be India and China and any serious falling off in their consumptive power would soon react on the price of the metal. In forming an opinion upon the future trend of the silver market, an important factor to be borne in mind is the policy which is likely to be adopted by the Indian Government with regard to their holdings of silver in the form of silver rupees and uncoined silver of 916.66 fineness, which at the end of the year represented the equivalent of about Standard Ozs. 407 millions. The world's silver production for 1927 is put at about Standard Ozs. 275 millions which is roughly the same as the revised figures for 1926.

To arrive at the total amount of silver available during 1927 there should be added to the production figures about Ozs. 30 millions representing silver sold by the Indian Government, sales by the Bank of France and silver shipped from Japan to Shanghai.

Estimates of the importation of silver into India during the past year place the figure at about Standard Ozs. 110 millions, in addition to which the silver sold by the Indian Government, viz.: Ozs. 9,200,000 was delivered in India. Allowing for shipments from Bombay to China of about Ozs. 13 millions we get the Indian consumption for the year Ozs. 106 millions as against Ozs. 113 millions in 1926.

Imports into China were about Ozs. 98 millions as compared with 82 millions in 1926.

Discount Market.

The discount market in London ruled very steady throughout the year and, with the exception of a few weeks in April and May, when the quotation for 3 m/s. Bills dropped a little below 4 per cent., the rate was more or less stabilised at 4 1/2 per cent. The only alteration in the Bank of England rate was a reduction on 51 per cent. level at which it had stood since December 3, 1925. Day to day money did not pursue quite the same even course and while the average rate over the whole year was a little under 4 1/2 per cent. there were frequent variations in the daily rate between 3 1/2 per cent. and 5 per cent. owing to the constant changes from a plethora to a stringency in the floating supply of credit.

The total amount of Treasury Bills outstanding was at its highest in January at \$875 million. The figure fell to \$668 million in April but at the end of the year had increased to \$661 million.

With a diminished supply of mercantile paper Treasury Bills play a very important part in the London discount market but it is the mercantile bills, representing as they do actual trade, which make the London market the clearing house for the finance of international trade and it is to be regretted that financing by means of loans and overdrafts, without any definite maturity date, to some extent replacing the old-established and admirable system of bills being drawn under Bankers' credits.

True Index of Trade.

The control exercised by the Bank of England over the London discount market during 1927 is no doubt justified by the necessity of placing a guard against any weakening of the Bank's gold position, in view, especially, of the possibility of the Treasury note issue being taken over by the Bank in the near future. It is probably a temporary expedient and there is, certainly, good reason to hope so for it is unquestionable that to retain its premier position as the centre for international trade, the London discount market must be a free one so as to attract an ample supply of mercantile bills. Such bills are the true index of trade besides affording the simplest possible instrument for regulating the volume of credit. The measures adopted have met with success, as instanced by the upward movement in the London-New York exchange, but it will be a relief when the situation permits of the

withdrawal of any control and the money market regains its former freedom of action.

It is a matter of grave concern that the Lancashire Textile Trade is suffering so severely from the contraction of their China market. The inevitable damage to the trade resulting from the troubles in China is accentuated by Japanese competition, the statistics of which show a steady improvement at Great Britain's expense and by the increasing proportion in which mills in China are supplying the local demand. With any return to normal conditions in China, the cotton industry is bound to make rapid growth and it will need closer co-operation and cheaper production on the part of the Lancashire Manufacturers to meet the keen competition.

In contrast to cottons British woollen goods seem to be holding their own in the China market.

European Situation.

The European economic situation has improved in complexion during the past year, helped by the progressive stabilisation of national currencies and the smooth transfer of reparations payments from Germany.

The margin between discount rates in London and New York, where the level was appreciably lower, induced, on the one hand, a greater financing of cotton bills in America, while on the other hand—assisted by our return to the gold standard—it attracted to London the floating balances of European central and other banks which now run into very large figures. Sterling in terms of United States dollars advanced during the year from 4.85 to 4.88 1/2 and in December there arrived in London the first shipment of gold from the United States since 1920.

The state of China's trade in 1927 is reflected in the Customs Revenue returns which show a fall of 12 per cent.—from 73 to 65 1/2 millions of Taels—the first serious decline since 1914. This setback is the natural result of civil disorders, party war, labour and agrarian unrest, military oppression and the absence of public security having combined to place every sort of obstruction in the way of foreign and domestic commerce. It is a depressing picture which I have to give and I regret that I can perceive little sign as yet of that clearing of our horizon which we are all so anxious to see.

Satisfactory Record.

Here in the South we have again suffered from the depredations of pirates, while a series of political changes at Canton has also had a hampering effect on mercantile enterprise. In spite of this, the trade of this Colony has shown a steady and healthy recovery from the low point reached in the previous year, though by no means equal in volume with that of three or four years ago. A distinct improvement has occurred in piece goods, though the trade is now feeling the effect of increased manufacturing costs, and there has been a noticeable activity in the export of wood oil which, blocked on the Yangtze, is finding an exit in the South. Taking all into account, Hong Kong's record for the year is not unsatisfactory and there are fair indications that the improvement is likely to continue.

In the Yangtze Valley the anti-British boycott has died down except at isolated points, but the benefit of this has been counterbalanced by the hindrance to transportation arising from war and brigandage, and by the crippling effect of depreciated currency. To illustrate the extent of the former of these evils, I may instance the rise in the cost of freight between Shanghai and the province of Honan which has reached as much as nine times the normal figure, while in regard to the latter I need only refer to the embargo on silver and compulsory use of currency notes at a heavy market discount.

In the north the situation has been less acute, military interference, though severe, having been within relatively narrower bounds; but there too merchants have been heavily handicapped by irregular taxation and the disorganisation of transport.

Hand to Mouth.

Business throughout the country has thus necessarily been of a hand-to-mouth nature, but an encouraging feature is the rapid improvement which everywhere takes place as soon as local conditions become the least tolerable. With the exception of silk which has had to contend with a very depressed market, exports have largely to the dogged pertinacity of the native merchants who have found ways and means of getting cargo down to the treaty ports in the face of the greatest obstacles and have, one is glad to add, found remunerative prices on the whole to compensate them for the risk and expense. A good harvest in central China and a steady level of exchange have been helpful factors.

In India.

In India a good monsoon has again been accompanied by somewhat disappointing trade conditions. Imports have been generally dull, while the export trade in

cotton has suffered by the reduced capacity of two principal markets, China and Japan. In stabilising the rupee India has reached a goal to which we have long been looking and from which we may hope for beneficial results in the future. The year has been uneventful in the Straits Settlements and Malaya, trade being on the whole easy. The American demand for rubber fell short of expectations and restriction on export had to be slightly raised to keep prices steady.

The Philippine Islands suffered a serious loss last summer in the death of General Leonard Wood, under whose wise and able administration so much advance had been made towards stability and prosperity. With a steady and general improvement in the state of the population, the finances of the islands are getting on to an increasingly firm footing.

Japan's Check.

Japan's economic progress received a severe check last April in the financial crisis which followed the failure of the important firm of Suzuki and caused some thirty banks to close their doors. The crisis was, on the whole, met with the courage and perseverance which we have learnt to expect from the Japanese in their national adversity, and the work of reconstruction which, though far from complete, has continued unabated, will, it is hoped, bear fruit in the near future. A substantial increase in the export of raw silk, although at low prices, set off the loss on cotton goods due to conditions in China, and the year closed with an adverse trade balance lower by 145 million yen than that of 1926.

Small Improvement.

After this brief survey of Far Eastern trade conditions I pass on to the general situation in our principal field of operations. In the political, as in the commercial, sphere it is disappointing that the course of affairs in China during the last twelve months shows such small improvement and that there is so little progress to record towards a settlement of her domestic problems or of her foreign relations. But though poor in result, the year has been unusually rich in incident. The arrival of the British Defence Force and the conclusion of the much-debated Hankow Agreement at the beginning of the year were followed, within a few weeks, of our last meeting by the Nanking affair which with its lamentable tale of murder and outrage marked the culminating point of the fierce anti-foreign movement along the Yangtze. This led to the evacuation, as a measure of safety, of British subjects from all unprotected areas in Nationalist territory. Shanghai was, meanwhile, experiencing a terrorist regime, instituted and organised by communists, agents, which but for the presence of the British troops would almost certainly have ended in the overrunning of the International Settlement with serious loss of life and incalculable damage to property.

The advance of the Southern armies continued during the spring and brought the Nationalists as far as the Yellow River. In May the situation was so precarious that Japan found it necessary to send troops to protect her nationals in the interior of Shantung. Peking was already threatened when a breach in the Nationalist party paralysed their military movements and put a stop to further progress. Since then the tide of war between North and South has ebbed and flowed but the Yellow River has remained the highwater mark of the Nationalist thrust Northward. The re-emergence of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in the autumn, supported by the Shansi forces, placed Peking again in danger—this time from the West—and the Northern military allies, though they successfully repulsed the attack, left themselves at the end of the year in control of a much reduced territory. At a rough estimate two-thirds of China now flies the Nationalist flag.

Superficial Expansion.

The superficial expansion of the Nationalist movement is, however, more than outweighed by the ruinous cleavage in its ranks. The solidarity which marked the initial advance from Canton has been replaced by dissensions which threaten to wreck the party and render impossible a united Nationalist government. The Kuomintang (the party on which the Nationalist Government is based and the theoretical source of its power) first split into two, with rival Governments established at Nanking and Hankow, and now tends to dissolve into a number of separate factions. Thus at the end of another twelve months so far from unification being nearer in sight, the political map of China shows more divisions and subdivisions than ever.

Communism is the rock on which Nationalism has split. Fostered by Bolshevik agents, the communist movement spread over Nationalist China and plunged both cities and country-side into all the miseries and horrors of embitter-

ed class warfare. With mob-violence and terrorism as its weapons, it has devastated the economic life of the country, not even sparing the wholesale massacre of defenceless merchants and farmers as we have lately seen in the regions around Swatow. The appalling excesses of the communist faction brought about a reaction which terminated in the expulsion last December of all Soviet representatives in Nationalist territory and the official repression of communist activities. But the Nationalist cause had already suffered irreparable damage and the eradication of communism is, I fear, very far from complete. Such is the harvest of Bolshevik friendship bought with the price of open enmity towards ourselves and the other Powers and of an undermining of the Chinese social system, a process of which the end is not yet in sight. Truly China has reaped the whirlwind.

The development of the Nationalist movement in the South has not materially changed the situation in the North. The Northern militarists have drawn somewhat closer together and, with their approval, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has assumed the position of dictator at Peking. The government nominated by him is, however, in constant financial stringency and is unable to pursue any administrative policy beyond the raising of funds to oppose the advance of the Nationalist armies.

Sino-British Relations.

Turning to Sino-British relations, the principal facts to record are, firstly, the British Government's abandonment of direct diplomatic relations with the Nationalist authorities owing to the latter's refusal to make reparations for the outrages at Nanking and failure to make good their claim to act up to the standards of a civilised government; secondly, the debacle of the Hankow Agreement and the consequent deterioration of the ex-British concession and paralysis of British trade on the middle Yangtze.

Whatever may be the differences of opinion as to the policy announced by the British Government in December last in respect to British Concessions in China, it must be clear to all reasonable Chinese that the British Government's refusal to reoccupy the Hankow Concession, which would have been more than justified by the conspicuous failure of the Nationalists to implement the Chen-O'Malley agreement, is a striking testimony to the sincerity of British declarations. To resist the widespread and well-founded demands by British subjects for action in regard to Hankow cannot have been an easy matter for His Majesty's Government who, though having the means at hand, have strictly abided by their expressed intention to use the troops at Shanghai solely for the protection of foreign lives and property in that city. Although evidence of reciprocity is still painfully absent, it is impossible to believe that the sacrifices we have made can remain without effect on our mutual relations and, indeed, I am glad to say that the anti-foreign, and particularly anti-British, agitation has visibly and considerably lessened. With the decline of communist influence, we may hope for still further improvement.

Military Exploitation.

The Chinese should, however, realise that they cannot expect a continuance of such magnanimity unless they respond in a similar spirit. Nor must they drift towards the conviction that forbearance on the part of the foreign Powers means a short cut through outrages and the violation of treaties, to equal international status. We may hope, too, that His Majesty's Government, while firm in the policy of helping onwards all constructive reform in the country, will not suffer honest friendliness to be mistaken for mere weakness of purpose but will strictly abide by their dictum, that concessions and treaty adjustment can result only from fair and amicable agreement and are not to be wrung from Great Britain by lawlessness, and force.

The military exploitation of the country, which now equally prevails in North and South, continues to play havoc with the security for China's foreign loans.

Interference with administration and sequestration of revenue has reduced nearly all the Chinese Government railways to a state of partial or complete default on their loan services and other obligations. An even more serious matter, however, is the deterioration of the railways themselves, which goes far to destroy the hope, so long cherished by the holders of railway loan bonds, that with a return to normal conditions the railways would soon recover their earning power, and clear off those accumulated debts. It is well known that the maintenance of a state of efficiency of any railway necessitates the current expenditure of a considerable portion of the earned revenue for the upkeep of the permanent way and rolling stock, and a hundred and one other essentials; but the Chinese military and civil authorities into whose hands the control of railways

has passed have so far entirely ignored this fundamental principle. Intent, only on extracting as much money as possible, they have starved the railways of even the most urgent requirements. In such circumstances the rate of deterioration rapidly gathers pace, and it is to be feared that if some settlement of China's political disputes is not shortly reached and the revenues restored to the railway administrations, some of the lines will before long become unworkable and will need the expenditure of many millions of dollars before they can again be rendered fit for regular traffic.

Salt Revenue.

As regards the Salt Revenue, I will not burden you by repeating the wearisome tale of illegal seizures and disorganisation. Receipts are now reduced to a negligible figure, the reserve of funds held by the Group Banks is practically exhausted and unless a marked improvement occurs the whole of the loans dependent on Salt Revenue are doomed to fall into default.

I understand that a heavy reduction of local revenues has resulted from the suppression of foreign employees of the Chinese Government Salt Administration in Nationalist territory and I sincerely hope that the latter authorities are correctly reported to be inclining towards the re-instatement of the inspectors and the re-establishment of the legal service.

The Customs.

The Customs revenue, although so seriously diminished, has sufficed to meet in full its foreign obligations as well as the interest charges of the Consolidated Domestic Loans, the shortage of funds which led to a temporary suspension of payment on the 1896 Anglo-German loan in the early part of the year being nothing more than a legacy from the time of China's rupture with Germany during the Great War and having nothing directly to do with the current state of affairs. The continued integrity of the Maritime Customs service and its relative immunity from the political and military interference which has befallen other national services (including now the Posts) with such disastrous effects, must be reckoned to China's credit. It implies, at the same time, a tribute to the energy, patience and tact of the members of the staff both foreign and Chinese. The Nationalist Government showed scant respect for international treaties in their attempt last summer to impose a heavy increase of the conventional duties without the semblance of reference to the foreign Governments concerned. They have, nevertheless, apparently recognised the fact that to sacrifice the magnificent organisation of the Chinese Customs to political motives would be fatal mistake. The position of the Customs Service in a divided China is bound to remain a delicate problem and we can only hope that common sense and patriotism will combine to prevent any rash and disastrous steps which would have the effect of ruining the machinery.

An Obvious Lesson.

Arising out of the pressing needs of the Peking Government certain attempts at interference with the administration were made early in the year. One of these led up to the regrettable departure of Sir Francis Aglen, who as Inspector General has served China with such conspicuous devotion and ability since the retirement of his great predecessor Sir Robert Hart. His curt treatment by the Government, who employed him provoked much indignation as a regrettable display of ingratitude towards a loyal public servant.

The annual Customs figures are the recognised barometer of China's commercial progress and the sudden drop from the steadily rising curve of many years past will give serious thought to many thousands in China. We must hope that the obvious lesson will not be lost on Chinese, both in the North and the South, but will stimulate a determination to reach some kind of agreement on the disputes which are keeping militarism rampant throughout the country and depriving the people of China of the prosperity which could so easily be within their reach.

If I may venture an opinion as to the most crying need of the country it is that the great middle classes, together with the Nationalist element, in the true sense of the word which exists all over China irrespective of party and clique, should develop a united and practical opposition to the rapacious military tyranny which is holding China in bondage but which is so utterly alien to the native spirit of the country.

Thanks to Staff.

Before closing, I should like, on your behalf, to express our appreciation to the Staff for the work they have done during the last year which has been one full of difficulties and I feel sure you will approve of the decision of your Directors to award them a bonus of 10% on their salaries.

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BANK MEETING.

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I now beg to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted. After the proposal has been seconded and before the motion is laid before the Meeting, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which Shareholders may have to ask.

Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Sir Robert Ho Tung said:—
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In rising to second the Motion just proposed by Mr. Chairman, I should like, first of all, to say that we heartily associate ourselves with the deserved tribute which our Chairman has just paid to our former Chief Manager, Mr. A. H. Barlow. Absolute devotion to duty was, to him, not merely an ideal, but an ever active principle which animated his daily work. His long and faithful record of service to the Bank, and the able manner in which, as Chief Manager, he directed its affairs in the midst of financial stringency and political upheaval, have placed us all under a debt of gratitude to him. We rejoice that he has accepted a seat on the London Consultative Committee, and that his expert knowledge of Eastern Banking conditions will thus continue to be available to this Institution.

Our Chairman has rightly remarked that the Hon. Mr. Hynes is well known to us all, and we feel that in appointing him to the important and responsible position of Chief Manager, our Directors could not have made a sounder choice. Endowed with a wide comprehensive outlook, and equipped with an intimate knowledge of all the banking problems and intricacies, he is the right man in the right place. It is a happy augury—a good "joss"—that the first year of his assumption of his high office should synchronise with the marked improvement in the Colony's affairs, generally, as shown by the increase of the Colony's population, by the increase of tonnage of ocean vessels passing through, and above all by the increase in value of the shares of public companies. We join with you, Sir, in wishing him a long and successful tenure of his high office.

Allocation of Profits.

It is unnecessary for me to say much on the accounts which have been presented, for they are, as we all must agree, eminently satisfactory, especially having regard to the adverse trading circumstances to which our Chairman has alluded.

We are glad that our Directors, in their allocation of the profits, are following the sound and conservative policy, which is traditional of our Bank, for we feel that it is only by pursuing such a policy that its unrivalled and unshakable solidarity can be maintained.

Our Directors' decision to award the staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries in recognition of their meritorious work during the last year has our hearty support.

We desire to express our appreciation of the characteristically capable and conscientious manner in which our Directors discharged their onerous duties. In view of our Chairman's impending departure from the Colony, we take this opportunity of wishing him a pleasant voyage and every success and prosperity in his new spheres of activities. A man of stoic taste and simplicity of genuine kindness and sympathy, of lofty ideals and vast capacities, courteous and unostentatious, the Hon. Mr. Bernard will be much missed in Hong Kong. We hope that through the channels of the China Association, the London Consultative Committee of this Corporation and other bodies, the Colony in general, and this Bank in particular, will continue to have the benefit of his valuable services.

Chinese Railways.

We have all listened with deep interest to our Chairman's general survey of last year. A comprehensive review of finance, with its kaleidoscopic reactions to political and other conditions, weight in its pronouncement by reason of the informed knowledge it displays, and wide in its geographic scope which is co-extensive with the Bank's world-wide activities, your speech, Sir, will be read with close attention by the Public, and I venture to congratulate you on your fine effort.

The state of disrepair and neglect of the Chinese Railways and the failure of the Authorities to meet the debt obligations, to which our Chairman has made pointed references, are matters for deep regret. But speaking as a Chinese, I am convinced that the necessity of maintaining and revitalising the potential capacity of railways as an important factor for the development of the country is fully appreciated by the Chinese, and that China, as soon as her financial position permits, will honourably meet all her pecuniary obligations. Time will show that China's word is her bond.

Results of Communism.

The picture which our Chairman has drawn, of the disastrous results of Communism in, and of the consequences and effects of the present chaotic state of China, is painfully realistic and true. It provides much material for anxious reflection to all true patriots and well-wishers of China.

As regards Communism, there is no doubt to my mind that to those unacquainted with its stern implications, its dangers, its utter futility as an instrument of political remedy, it may exercise an abiding and irresistible appeal. But if the great sufferings inflicted on the mass of innocent people by the recent Red Regime should serve to convince the people of China that Communism is destructive and not constructive, a fatal poison and not a panacea, then such sufferings, terrible and poignant as they were, would not have been endured in vain, for they would become instrumental in eradicating this pernicious doctrine from China.

Chinese Chaos.

As regards the existing Chinese political chaos, we should remember that political strife and turmoil, with their concomitant dislocation of trade and business, are but incidents to political transitions. Looking at the Republic through the vaster and more detached perspective of World History, I think we should congratulate ourselves that the trade and business are no worse than they are. The progress from lawlessness to Order, from diversity to Unity, must of necessity be slow and tedious, but is nevertheless, as I believe, discernible. There are, I think, already hopeful signs that, at all events in this Province of Kwangtung, the political conditions are moving towards an equilibrium, to the untold benefit of its teeming inhabitants. And, bringing our view even closer, I hope and trust that the restoration of friendly relations between Hong Kong and Canton is but a prelude to an era of mutual understanding, mutual respect, stability and prosperity in both places.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the future, though pregnant with anxious and difficult problems, is also full of hope. There is an increasing recognition of the common origin and common destiny of mankind, and this recognition must bring about a closer, franker and more friendly different Nationalities, especially between such traditionally friendly peoples as the British and the Chinese. That such co-operation has infinite possibilities for good is evidenced by the ever increasing prosperity of our Corporation.

I have been associated with this Bank for nearly 50 years I have grown with its growth. Encouraged by His Excellency the Governor's illuminating record of this Colony's progress, already mentioned by our Chairman; confident of the lasting continuance of the co-operation to which I have referred, and looking towards the future with optimism, I wish, and predict for, our premier Bank, every success and prosperity.

I have much pleasure in seconding the Report and the Statement of Accounts.

Report Adopted.

No question was put. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted. Other business was as follows:—

Confirmation of appointments of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. A. Macgowan and Mr. N. S. Brown as directors and re-election of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. W. L. Pettenden as directors—proposed by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. C. Hall.

Re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A. and Mr. John Fleming, C.A. as auditors for the ensuing year—proposed by Mr. E. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Henry Humphreys.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Those Present.

Those present were:—the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman), Mr. A. H. Compton (deputy-chairman), Mr. H. P. White, T. G. Waddell, W. H. Bell, N. S. Brown, C. G. S. Mackie, A. Macgowan (directors) and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (chief manager). Shareholders:—Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung, and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. E. Davidson, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. E. J. Osborne and Mr. E. H. Matthews of the National Bank of Australasia, Ltd., Mr. H. G. Hegarty, Mr. F. H. Pentecost, Mr. C. I. Cooke, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. W. E. Van Eps, Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mr. Ho Kom-long, Mr. Lo Cheung-ly, Mr. Chan "Shi-ming", Mr. J. M. McHutecheon, Mr. John Arnold, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. J. D. Kinnaird, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. M. Manuk, Mr. E. A. Dastur, Mr. A. Braun, Mrs. Mackie, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. G. Murray, Mr. Lo Cheung-shu, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. Lo Man-

hin, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. Ho Ki, Mr. Fung Kong-un, Mrs. Wilson Smythe, Mr. L. G. S. Dodwell, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. Chan Lim-pak, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. D. M. Goodall, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. D. V. Stevenson, Mr. H. R. Sturt, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. H. S. Hills, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. Davenport-Browne, Mr. S. M. Churn, Mr. A. A. R. Botelho, Mr. A. B. Raworth, Mr. Lo Chung-wan, Mr. Frank Austin, Mr. B. L. Seton-Winton, Mr. P. C. Potts, Mr. E. L. Sim, Mr. J. T. Bagram, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. D. H. Cooper, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. Chua Seng-choo, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. K. Stuart Smith, Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. R. K. Valentim, Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Mr. John Fleming, Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard.

DR. NORWOOD.

DECLINES £3,000 A YEAR POST.

LOVES CITY TEMPLE.

Dr. F. W. Norwood, of the City Temple, informed the "Evening Standard" that he had declined an invitation to the American Presbyterian Church in Montreal.

It is stated that the salary offered was £3,000.

"I gave the invitation very serious consideration," said Dr. Norwood. "They sent me a cable at first, and within six hours I had cabled back declining the offer."

"The cable, however, was followed by a very impressive letter pointing out the possibilities of great work for me in Canada now that the various denominations have united. If I had been a free man I should have gone, but I love the City Temple and I do not wish to leave it. It is not the first appeal of a similar kind that has come to me. But I have never sought or desired them."

"There is a good deal of talk just now—and it has some bearing on this invitation—on the paucity of good preachers. But I think it is more apparent than real. Preachers out of the limelight."

"I believe there are many able preachers in this country, important only because the limelight falls on a few. Great churches always select their preachers from men of world-wide fame. Very few of them seek to give the unknown a chance. And yet they do not consider how the great preacher in the little obscure church is to become known."

"It would be better if the churches would look out for younger men of merit in the smaller churches. Football and cricket teams know the wisdom of such a policy."

"Unless the Ministry itself holds a high place in the reverence of people great men of special attainments cannot be expected to select the Ministry as their vocation. When the people demand good preaching they will get it." Dr. Norwood is an Australian. He has been at the City Temple since 1919.

HIGH COST.

WORLD'S ARMAMENT SAME AS IN 1913.

"REASONABLE" PROPORTIONS.

The high cost of arming the world is estimated at about 3,800,000,000 dols. annually, according to "The Index." Of this amount, approximately 2,200,000,000 dols. is spent annually by European countries—practically the same as the 1913 figures. Before the world war from one-third to one-half of the total expenditure of the 14 principal countries were for armament, exclusive of pensions and payment of interest on previous war debts. Within the last few years these military appropriations have reached a more reasonable proportion in relation to total expenditures.

Particularly True.

This is particularly true for Germany and the three other European powers whose military activities were curtailed by the Peace Treaties. In 1925, for example, Germany's military expenditures were only 7.3 per cent. of the total cost of Government administration.

While the proportion of Budgetary appropriations for armament has declined, this has not been accompanied by a reduction in the amounts of money actually paid out. In 1925 Japan spent 254 per cent. more for armament than in 1913.

Greatest Increase.

This was the greatest relative increase among all the nations, though in actual expenditure Japan was behind the United States, Great Britain and France. The United States increased the 1913 expenditure by 124 per cent., Great Britain by 65 per cent., Italy by 15 per cent., and France by 2 per cent. These figures are based upon dollar exchange in the years under consideration, and the slight increase for France is largely explained by the depreciated value of the franc in 1925.

BOGUS INSPECTOR.

COLLECTS INSURANCE & VANISHES.

Posing as an inspector for the Ministry of Health, a well-dressed, educated man, aged about thirty-five, has deceived a number of tradesmen in the South London and Croydon districts and obtained money.

He asks to be shown over workshops, etc., having first stated that he is attached to the Ministry of Health. His lengthy stay and examination disarms suspicion, and he then asks to see the insurance cards of the employees. In some instances these have not been stamped to date, and he draws attention to it. The requisite cash to balance the cards is handed over, and this he takes with the cards, promising to return them at an early date from Whitehall.

Nothing more is heard of him. The police have the matter in hand.

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Macmillan Drysdale, of the Straits Steamship Co., with Miss Irish Dulcibel Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Foley, took place at the Church of the Assumption, Penang, on Feb. 18.

KIPLING SALE.

£660 FOR FIRST ISSUE OF SHORT STORY.

\$18,256 TOTAL.

New York, Jan. 13.

The concluding session of the sale of rare Kipling first editions at the American Art Galleries last night brought the total for both sessions to 91,282 dollars (\$18,256).

The feature of the second night's bidding was the competition for rare first editions of stories which first appeared in the "Delineator" magazine, of which only a few copies were printed in book form to protect the copyright. Most of these copyright issues went to Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, although the top price for them was set by Mr. William Hill. He gave 3,300 dollars (\$660) for the story "Cold Iron."

Copyright issues bought by Dr. Rosenbach included "The Conversion of St. Wilfred" for 1,050 dollars (\$210); "The Tree of Justice," 1,050 dollars (\$210); "Simple Simon," 1,100 dollars (\$220); "Brother Square Toes," 1,250 dollars (\$250); and "The Wrong Thing," 900 dollars (\$180). Mr. Hill paid 1,700 dollars (\$340) for a copyright issue of "Priest in Spite of Himself."

Other interesting items of the evening's sale included the original manuscript of "Ford of Kabul River," from "Barrack Room Ballads," for which Mr. James F. Drake gave 3,900 dollars (\$780), the same buyer paying 850 dollars (\$170) for the typescript of "Bobs," used by Kipling in preparing the text of the Bombay edition. Mr. Drake paid 1,800 dollars (\$360) for the only known English copyright issue of "With the Night Mail," and Dr. Rosenbach gave 2,250 dollars (\$450) for the only known separate edition of "Seven Nights of Creation."

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 22, 1928.

Messrs. W. J. Alexander, E. H. Salve Amarin.

Mr. C. G. Bingham.

Mr. Joseph E. L. Lyons.

Messrs. L. Garbo, J. R. George.

Messrs. A. F. Henry, Fred A. Hill, E. Hunt, C. A. Henderson,

J. E. Hope, Capt. T. P. Hall.

Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mrs. Jobson.

Messrs. H. A. Keller, R. A. Krenlen.

Miss H. Lillie, Mr. Karsten Larssen.

Messrs. N. MacLeod, A. W. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller,

Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Milham, Mrs. Macfie, Miss M. Moss, Miss B. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestley, Misses D. and E. Pockley.

Mr. A. U. Reid.

Messrs. G. C. Shepherd, C. Spanuth, R. E. Smith.

Messrs. L. E. Wheen, W. Wright, G. Wragge, Maj. and Mrs. C. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wisemen.

Commander Malcolm Spreckley, R.N., was married to Miss Joanna Allen at St. Paul's Knightsbridge, last month. Commander Spreckley, who has returned to England from China, was on the "Frobisher," the flagship of Rear-Admiral Boyle.

STREET CASUALTIES.

LONDON'S 10,000 CHILD VICTIMS.

A TRAFFIC PERIL.

Under the heading "Motorists' Child Murders," a Home paper refers to the sad fact that nearly 10,000 London school children were killed and injured in the streets last year. While motorists will sorrow for an unhappy state of affairs they cannot as a body, or individually, accept responsibility for this slaughter of the innocents. Even in Kuala Lumpur, we realise how often the pedestrian is to blame in street accidents and, although it is doubtless true that many children were the victims of callous or careless driving, it is equally certain that as many more ran blindly into danger in such a manner as to make it impossible for the motorist to avoid them. Others again, one fears, were indulging in that fascinating but frightfully dangerous game of "last across," always popular in the East End of London and not unknown out here, Child-casualties have been very few in Kuala Lumpur, but all experienced drivers will agree that little credit is due in this respect to the care taken by children or the precautions of those who are supposed to look after them. Particularly unfortunate is the predilection for riding on bicycles far too large for them which seems to be indulged by at least 25 per cent. of the small boys in this city.

To return, however, to London. The L.C.C. report on street accidents says that "It is clear from an examination of the statistics that the London child is subjected to much greater risk of accident from traffic than children in other parts of the country."

Analysing the statistics according to population the report reckons that it is three times as dangerous for the London child to be out in the streets as it is for children in the rest of the country. The Education Officer, makes two comments: (1) That a traffic sense should be inculcated in the rising generation and (2) that there should be cautious and responsible use of the London roads by motorists.

Perhaps the traffic sense will come in a generation or two. At present its absence is lamentably conspicuous.

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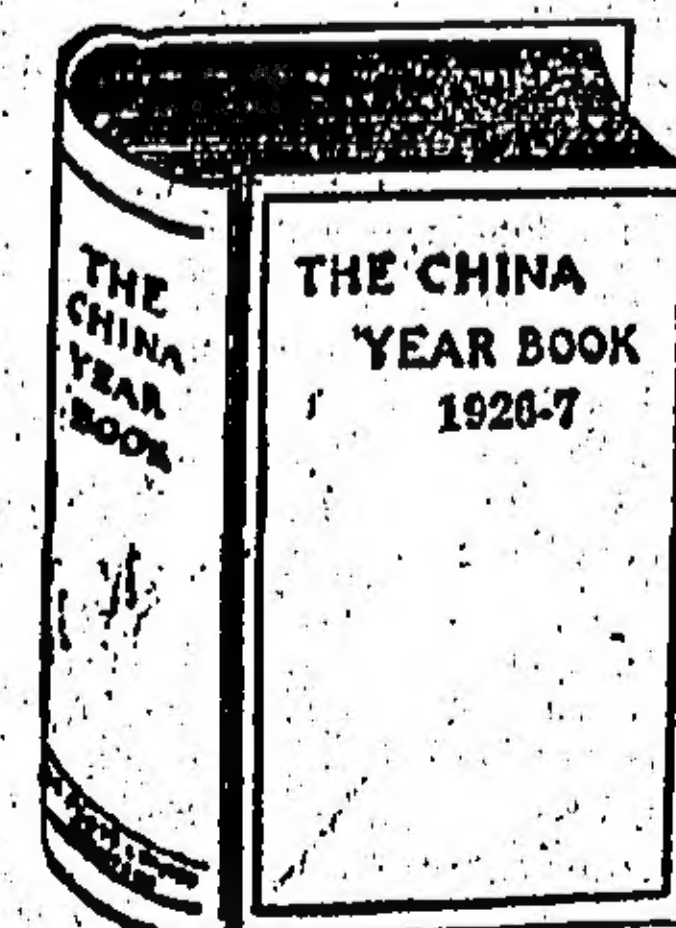
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UNION CHURCH.

SEATHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING.

PASTOR'S RETIREMENT.

The annual meeting of seat-holders of Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held yesterday, Mr. E. B. Carey presiding.

Reference was made to the diminution of seat rents and weekly offerings. The question of abolition of seat rents had been raised but it was considered advisable to continue them at any rate for the present. In regard to the accounts, the Chairman pointed out that had it not been for the interest from investments and endowments they would have faced badly last year. It was hoped that some day a more remunerative investment would be found for the Endowment Fund. The Kowloon Building Fund still formed part of the accounts and as the loan allowed for the consideration of the suggested site for the Church was almost concluded, steps were being taken to see what is best to do in the present circumstances. Sir Paul's gift was unimpaired by any restrictions and therefore it was considered advisable that the Pastor's farewell expenses and other necessities of the Church work at Kowloon should be borne by that fund, as is shown in the account.

Reference was made to the impending retirement of the Rev. J. Kirk Macnachie and tribute was paid to him and Mrs. Macnachie for their work during the past fifteen years.

The following officers were elected for the year:—Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. F. Key; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. J. Lamb.

The Committee of Management (with the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer acting as ex-officio): Messrs. E. B. Carey, N. Currie, A. Calvert, E. R. Dovey, J. W. C. Bonmar, C. Wilson, P. D. Wilson, C. C. Hickling, P. Stewart, J. Wattie, Dr. E. Kirk and the Rev. H. R. Wells.

Ladies' Committee:—Mrs. J. Kirk Macnachie, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. C. Pryce, Mrs. H. M. P. D. Wilson, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. McNeillie.

Representatives to the New Territories:—The Rev. J. Horace Johnstone, Messrs. E. R. Dovey, H. J. Lamb, D. F. Warren, and Mrs. C. C. Hickling.

BROADCASTING.

INITIAL Y.M.C.A. PROGRAMME LAST NIGHT.

Gramophone pieces, songs, piano solos, topical news, stories and an address by Mr. G. C. Moxon entitled "Hong Kong Re-visited" figured in a radio programme broadcast yesterday under the aegis of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee. Reports of residents and institutions tuning-in to the required wavelength have not yet all been received but the initial attempt appears to have met with a fair measure of success.

SPURIOUS NOTES.

SERIES OF FORGERIES IN CIRCULATION.

Closed imitations of an old issue of \$5 notes by the Hong Kong office of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation are in circulation.

These bear the 1909 date, and the facsimiles of signatures of Mr. J. R. M. Smith (Chief Manager) and Mr. W. C. Cowan (Chief Accountant). The numbers which have come to light range between A111,000 and A166,000. Colours are deeper than in the genuine notes, especially at the back. The "feel" of the paper is inferior. The letter "A" prefixed to the number in the spurious notes is not in correct alignment.

MOSCOW WIRELESS.

STALIN BROADCASTS IN PERSON.

Stockholm, Jan. 12. For some time past Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian wireless listeners, when searching for stations, have frequently heard violent Soviet propaganda in Danish, English, Swedish, and Esperanto.

A floating station on board ship in the Baltic was suspected, but now a Swedish wireless expert has discovered that the messages are sent out from Moscow and Petrograd. The wave lengths are 450 and 1,450 metres. Two days ago there were for fifteen minutes violently rabid speeches delivered by Stalin himself and many others concerning the deportations of members of the Opposition and glorifying the Soviet regime.

The Soviet Minister here admits that there is broadcasting from Moscow and Petrograd, but alleges that everything is "above-board," which is contradicted by the fact that all the messages are of a strictly propagandist character.

GOLD BARS.

ECHO OF THE RECENT ROBBERY.

ENGINEER IN CUSTODY.

There was an echo at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of the robbery on board the steam launch "Wo Fat Shing" in Hong Kong harbour on October 12, last, when she was seized by armed men whilst on her way to the s.s. "Prominent" with \$32,000 worth of gold ingots consigned to Saigon. The launch was eventually beached by the robbers at North Point and they got away with the gold.

The man in the dock yesterday was the Chinese engineer of the "Wo Fat Shing," who disappeared immediately after the robbery. He was charged on three counts of being an accessory before the fact by counselling the commission of the robbery; of harbouring three of the victims of the crime; and of conspiracy, with others not in custody to steal the gold, the property of the Wo Fat Shing firm.

On the application of Sub-inspector Doring who intimated that the accused was arrested in Canton last Wednesday, the Magistrate remanded the accused in police custody, fixing hearing of the case for Friday afternoon next.

ETONIAN TIES.

REDUCED TO A BARGAIN BASIS.

London, Jan. 18. An advertisement which will surely strike at the foundations of the old public school spirit with the aim of economy was published yesterday.

The advertisement ran:—"Old Etonians.—A marvellous economy. O. E. Ties at 2s. 6d. Sample tie on receipt of postcard."

This intrusion of commercial considerations into the veneration that surrounds all public school life is surely another unmistakable sign of our degeneration.

These ties—especially that O.E. tie—were things to be bought regardless of expense. They were rustling creations of the finest, most sumptuous silk. Now they have been ranked as bargain lines—with common "gents' natty neck-wear"! The Old Etonian is invited to come in on a good thing! And that good thing is his darling tie—three for seven bob!

Effect on the Guards. The effect of this advertisement on the Brigade of Guards and stockbrokers' offices—institutions, particularly, which are given tone by the presence of Old Etonians—is likely to be awful. A new war and a violent fluctuation in Consols are both considered as possibilities. It is understood further that an Old Harrovian in a heavy cavalry regiment intends to ask the next Foot Guards' Old Etonian officer he meets if he can put him on a serviceable line in cheap underwear.

The most terrible consequence, however, is that many worthy people who have no connection with Eton will solicit a sample tie with a postcard. They will then buy three ties for seven shillings, and wear them for years. It is anticipated that the only way of being taken for an Old Etonian in the near future will be to wear no tie at all.

NOVEL BARRED.

FAMOUS AUTHOR NOT TO BE READ.

Paris, Jan. 18. Astonishment has been caused in Paris by the announcement that, on advice from the Vatican, Roman Catholics in France are forbidden to read the works of M. Marcel Prevost, the famous novelist and dramatist.

This action has been taken by a vigilance committee, of which the Archbishop of Paris is president. One of the banned books is M. Prevost's recent novel, "La Retraite Ardenne."

M. Prevost, when asked to comment on the action of the vigilance committee, replied: "How many books could be classified as 'good books' in the sense that they were fit for everybody to read?"

A B.U.P. message states that the works have not been put on the Index Expurgatoire, but have been placed under an interdiction on the ground that they "constitute a danger to the faithful."

The official statement says that the evil done by the banned works is aggravated by the fact that they "mix a false mysticism by combining immodest love with a kind of piety towards God, making a morbid sensuality pass under cover of the things of God."

AT POTSDAM.

THE TRAVELLER SEES THREE OLD BOATS.

A STRANGE TRIO.

Berlin lies in a country of sand and heather, firwood and lake. All summer through it is crowded with campers and boating parties; but with the arrival of winter the boats are beached and the woods deserted. The silence is broken only by the hoarse voices of the lugs taking the barges a stage further on their long journey from South Germany to the sea.

On the island of Potsdam, within sight of the roofs of the empty yachting cap guards the boats of his clients, in one of his sheds three upturned keels lie side by side. One is a B&B Roy canoe built at Spandau. The second, a heavy white rowing-boat, is sixty years old, and first saw service as a pleasure boat on Windermere. The third is lightly built and brightly varnished—it was built at Eton by Doctor Warre in 1901.

The present owner had a boat-house that was too short for the standard boat of the type he wanted, so he took the advice of an English relative and placed his order at Eton. The headmaster, a rowing enthusiast, had a desire to experiment with a specially short boat, and was delighted to find a purchaser who seemed to honour his bid. He gave the construction his particular attention, and produced a fine craft just suiting German requirements. It is designed for that curious combination, two rowers and one sculler, and is also adapted for sailing before the wind.

So there they lie, this strangely assorted trio, in the half-light of the Potsdam boat-house. A fussy little Rob Roy that has never been out of Prussian waters, a dim white ghost from the hills of Westmoreland, and a long, straight keel laid to the order of a huge man with a rumbling voice, where a kindlier river sweeps round another seat of Royalty. One wonders what they thought of the time when for four sad years they were left uncared for, when long trails of barges were the only traffic on the winding waterways beneath the firwoods. "London Daily News."

GREEN EYES.

MAN KILLED BECAUSE HE DID NOT LOOK.

Identified several days after his death because his description included the unusual feature of green eyes, an inquest was held at Wallasey on Walter Richards (50), a pawnbroker's assistant, of Wright Street, Egremont, who was knocked down in the street by a motor-car.

The widow stated that when her husband left home he said that he might go to London, so she did not make inquiries for three days. Then she read his description in a newspaper.

A witness, who saw Richards alight from a tramcar, said he was crossing the tramlines very slowly with his head down, when a motor-car, coming from the direction of New Brighton, knocked him down. He had plenty of time to get out of the way.

The Coroner said that, speaking as a motorist, he considered that pedestrians as a rule did not take the care they ought to take in crossing a road. Many of them, when they saw a motor-car coming, deliberately walked in front of it, and it was only due to the alertness of the driver and to his good brakes that he was enabled to avoid an accident.

The jury found that death was accidentally caused, and that no blame attached to the driver of the car.

"LOVERS."

FINE FILM AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"Lovers," starring Ramon Novarro, is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day for the last time. It is based on the well-known and successful stage play, "The World and His Wife." An appropriate subtitle for it would be "Gossip." For it most aptly defines that wretched pastime and its evil consequences. Ramon Novarro takes the part of a young Spanish diplomat who is befriended by an elder member of the Service and a potential Minister at Washington. This Ambassador-to-be has a young and pretty wife and the smart set of Madrid are soon engaged in coupling her name with the youngster. There is no truth in their wild talk, but the consequences are as terrible as they would have been if every word was true instead of false. The picture gives an opportunity for the display of some splendid swordman-ship, and to altogether wall up to the Queen's standard of excellence.

"Shadows Before."

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Lovers."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Road to Yesterday."

To-day—World Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

To-day—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

February 26-27—Queen's Theatre; "There You Are."

February 26-27—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "Tin Gods"; at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 26-27—Star Theatre; "Blarney."

February 28-29—Queen's Theatre; "The Side Show of Life."

February 28-29—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Great Love"; at 2.30 & 7.15, Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

February 28-29—Star Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."

February 27—Sixth Dancing display by Miss Violet Capell's Pupils, Queen's Theatre; 5 p.m.

February 29—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

March 1-3—Queen's Theatre; "The Scarlet Letter."

March 1-3—World Theatre; "The Confession of a Queen."

March 1-3—Star Theatre; "Introduce Me."

March 8—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

Sports.

To-day—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Faulding Hunt steeple-chases (Spring meeting).

March 6-8—H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting, Menace Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevelva" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 20—H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanling.

Lammert's Auctions.

To-day—At Godown No. 18, H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

February 27—At Sales Room, Duddell St., Cameras, "Red Seal" Records, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

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February 23—At 25 Humphreys Bldg., Hanoi Rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

February 29—At Sales Room, Duddell St., provisions, wines, etc., etc., 10 a.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situated in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, held yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-night—Old Haileyburians dinner at Hong Kong Hotel.

February 27—Presentation to Commander G. B. Hartford, R.N., at Hotel Savoy, 5 p.m.

February 28—Sir Shou-sun Chow and Hon. Dr. B. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

February 29—Mrs. Russell Brown distributes prizes and certificates at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford Restaurant, 8 p.m.

March 5—H.E. the Governor formally opens King's College, Bonham Rd., 3 p.m.

March 5—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's Institute, Causeway Bay, by Lady Clementi, 4 p.m.

March 6—Annual inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor, Murray Parade, 4 p.m.

CINEMA NOTES.

RAMON NOVARRO'S FINE FILM.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.

Showing for the last time at the Queen's Theatre to-day is "Lovers," Ramon Novarro's first film since "Ben-Hur." A romance of modern Spain, "Lovers" is unique in that it has no conventional villain, the place of the villain being taken by the invisible tongues of scandal which blight lives and wreck souls. The plot is developed with rare dramatic intensity from one climax to another, including a sensational sword duel. Alice Terry, leading woman of "The Four Horsemen," heads a brilliant supporting cast.

WORLD AND STAR.

Other pictures showing for the last time to-day are "Altars of Desire" at the World Theatre and "The Road to Yesterday" at the Star Theatre. "Altars of Desire" presents the star of "The Merry Widow," Mae Murray, in the story of a wilful society beauty. Conway Tearle is excellent as her leading man.

"The Road to Yesterday," produced by Cecil B. De Mille with Joseph Schildkraut, Jetta Goudal and William Boyd in the leading roles, deals with the theory of reincarnation. A railway smash precipitates the principal characters into the past, where a series of dramatic incidents are depicted as having a vital bearing on their present day lives.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

DOUBLE PROGRAMME FOR TUESDAY.

The attraction at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, according to a special advertisement in this issue, will be the screen version of William J. Locke's brilliant novel "The Side Show of Life." The leading players are Ernest Torrence and Anna Q. Nilsson. The story begins with Ernest Torrence as an English clown in a French circus and Anna Q. Nilsson as a lady of high family who falls in love with him. The coming of war brings about many changes in the lives of these two, the clown rising to the rank of brigadier general. The climax is distinctly unusual and not a little dramatic. The photography is excellent, there being a number of scenes of an English country mansion with its gardens and lawns. An additional attraction on Tuesday and Wednesday will be the appearance of Miss Chee Toy, a Chinese singer who has been billed at London and New York theatres. Miss Chee Toy will submit popular English and Chinese songs at all performances.

NOTICE.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The bachelors' of Craigengower Cricket Club will hold their annual dance at the Club to-night.

Mr. R. Ingham has been appointed to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Straits Settlements.

Mr. F. Morris, assistant master at Priory Grove School, Clapham, has retired after 49 years' service.

Mr. J. M. McFutcheon of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Empress of Russia."

John Fitzpatrick, Bermondsey's oldest inhabitant, whose age was said to be 102, died suddenly at Eckett-Street, Bermondsey.

Mount Collinson Forestry Reserve has been declared a prohibited area with a view to the protection of afforestation operations.

The second dancing performance at the Queen's Theatre by Miss Violet Capell and her pupils will be given on Monday, at 6 p.m.

Latest mail news from Home announces that Lady Lugard's condition shows some improvement after an illness of a few weeks.

Mr. Harold Ezekiel Brandon, K.C., of 54, Elsham Road, Kensington, W., left the whole of his property, amounting to £49,106, to his mother.

As Mrs. Lorraine England, of Plymouth, sat nursing her two-months-old child, a bull flew out of the fire. It destroyed the sight of her right eye.

Sir Edward Forsythe, Messrs. W. Shakespeare, W. Moir and W. Forsythe, members of the Council of the Rubber Growers' Association, are to visit the Far East.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilburn, of the Hill Inn, Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton, Yorkshire, were killed when their motor-car crashed into a ditch at the foot of a hill and overturned.

Cables from Home report that Mr. Phillip Tobias, father of the founder and proprietor of Messrs. N. Lazarus, has passed away at his residence in Malda Vale, London, at the age of 80 years.

Members of the Police Reserve are reminded of the engagement at Hotel Savoy at 5 p.m. on Monday when they take tea with Commander G. B. Hartford, R.N. (retired), the former Adjutant.

Captain A. Joynton-Worsford, a nephew of Sir W. Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, won a tame goose in a Christmas draw in Paris and brought it to London in an Imperial Airways machine.

Mr. W. Dobbie, of York, is retiring from the office of president of the National Union of Railwaymen, after three years in that position. He is succeeded by Mr. Joseph Gore, Kentish Town.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) and Lady Clementi went to Macao to-day where they will be guests of the Governor of Macao till to-morrow. The visit is of a private and personal nature.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Henry William George Balobidge, No. 10, Club Chambers, Talko Dock, and Miss Gertrude Charlotte Fullbrook, No. 5, Leighton Hill Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. Charles Seymour, 53, of Bond Street, Mitcham, Surrey, an employee of the Air Ministry, who had been missing for a month, was found unconscious at Hull and on recovering was found to have lost his memory.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, Senior Executive Engineer, P.W.D., F.M.S., returned from Home furlough by the "Kashmir." Mr. G. B. Linford, Assistant Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., got back by the "Mantua" on Feb. 23.

Sir Robert Highett, chairman of East Indian Railway Co., and managing director of H.E.H. the Nizam's Guaranteed Railway Co., went Home on the "Malwa" at the same time as Major-General Sir John Duncan.

By the death of Mr. Henry Smith, the Jewish Board of Guardians in London has lost its senior official. Mr. Smith, who was 87, had been connected with the Board for many years, and some time ago received a presentation in recognition of his services. He was an authority on social problems in the East End.

To-morrow is the First Sunday in Lent.

Mr. J. F. Miller was one of the residents who returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "Empress of Russia."

The name of Dr. Hsin Shih-tse, M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong) has been added to the register of medical practitioners.



Professor Ausilotti, of Italy, just elected President of the permanent World Court of International Justice, succeeding Huber, of Switzerland.

Sir Peter Grain, the Judge of the British Supreme Court at Shanghai, arrived at Hong Kong yesterday on the P. & O. s.s. "Nellore." With the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood), Sir Peter will sit during four cases pending before the Full Appeal Court. It is expected that Sir Peter will be here for a few weeks. On his departure, Sir Henry Gollan may accompany Sir Peter to Shanghai to sit in the Full Court there.

Mr. A. H. Ferguson has returned to resume charge of the Hong Kong office of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China. Mr. Ferguson returned yesterday with Mrs. Ferguson and the Misses E. and M. Ferguson by the "Empress of Russia." Prior to going on Home leave about nine months ago, Mr. Ferguson was the recipient of a public presentation from Chinese merchants in the Colony. As a very fine golfer, Mr. Ferguson will again be popular at Fanling and Shek O.



Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, Commander of the Marine Corps. He is now in Nicaragua inspecting the situation there.

The "Empress of Russia" arrived in Hong Kong yesterday with a good many passengers, many of whom were residents who had returned from leave by travelling via America or Canada. Others are back from the North. Among those on board were Mr. E. D. Bush and Miss K. Bush, Mrs. H. M. Ogilvie, Mr. J. Brockett, Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. A. Reid, Mr. E. R. Duckitt, Mr. D. H. Rutton, Mr. G. D. Armstrong, Rev. W. M. O'Brien, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Todd. Through passengers for Manila include Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Colt, Mr. G. Bowen, and Mr. B. J. Osborne.

The "China Mail" has received Nos. 1 and 2 of volume 5 of "Lingnam Science Journal," which has also been known in the past as the "Lingnam Agricultural Review." This is now a publication of Lingnam University, Canton, and not of the College of Agriculture of the University. Mr. E. D. Merrill of the University of California, Berkeley, contributes an interesting article on "An Enumeration of Hainan plants," dealing very thoroughly and practically with the little-known island of Hainan which is close to Hong Kong and forms a part of Kwangtung province.

Warder J. C. Pratt has been seconded for service under the Government of Johore.

Old Hailyburians in the Colony are meeting at a dinner in the Hong Kong Hotel to-night.

The Japanese Minister to Siam, Mr. K. Hayashi, being ordered home, was expected to leave Bangkok this week.

Mrs. E. O. Murphy of "Empress Lodge," Hong Kong, returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Empress of Russia."

Sister Jessica Scales from Surbiton Hospital left on the "Mantua" on Jan. 27 to take up a hospital appointment in Hong Kong.

Mr. and Mrs. Beith are back in Hong Kong, having come down from Shanghai on the "Empress of Russia" which arrived here yesterday.

The 39th ordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. will be held at the Company's offices on Friday, March 16, at noon.

Mr. Lloyd George was received by the President of Brazil, and entertained at a banquet given by Senhor Mangabeira, the Foreign Minister.

The Shanghai and Woosung Greater Municipality (Chinese administration) has ordered the collection of a special tax on advertisements and posters.

Dr. Victor G. Hesler, Director of the International Health Division work in the Far East of the Rockefeller Foundation, was expected on a visit to Kowloon this month.

Miss S. Peken, the talented dancer who won fame in Shanghai and who was expected to appear at the Plaza in the near future, fell during a rehearsal and was badly hurt.

The deaths are reported of two centenarians—Mrs. Ann Dunn, of Leicester, aged 103, and Mrs. Margaret Jackson, of Stakesford, East Northumberland, in her 100th year.

Mr. H. Gaffield, M.C., has been appointed to act as Protector of Chinese, Singapore; Mr. L. Blythe as Assistant, Protector of Chinese; and Mr. M. B. Shelley as Treasurer, Straits Settlements.

Skegness town hall has been destroyed by fire. A policeman roused the caretaker, but by that time the upper storey was burning. Hundreds of valuable books and documents were destroyed.

Among the passengers on the "Nellore" which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday from Yokohama and Shanghai were Mr. S. G. Phelps who is going to Marseilles and Mr. I. J. Toeg who is bound for Port Said.

The Boy Scouts of Shanghai paid a visit to "The Limit," where they carried out the detective game which was previously postponed owing to the state of the ground. Trucks were supplied gratis by Messrs. G. E. Marden and Co.

Dr. Edward Fielden, who is retiring after 25 years' medical practice at Bracknell, Berkshire, and who attacked his poorer patients free, was presented with a cheque for £550. An illuminated book, with the names of nearly 1,400 subscribers, was given to Mrs. Fielden.

Principal of the firm which bears his name, Mr. W. A. Hannibal returned to Hong Kong, after being away on holiday and arrived yesterday with Mrs. Hannibal. Mr. Hannibal has taken a prominent part in the Philharmonic Society's productions, and is an expert on China produce.

The forthcoming marriage is announced to take place at St. John's Cathedral on April 7, between Mr. Cameron de Saille Robertson, of Hong Kong, and Miss Edith Yates Rowlands, youngest daughter of the late Herbert Rowlands and Mrs. Mildred Rowlands, of Carmarthen, Wales, and Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

The Chapel "Citizens' Association to Render Protection to National Rights" has issued a notification to tenants in alleyways along the North Szechuen Road, Chinese territory, Shanghai, to remove the number plates of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Chinese authorities, be requested to put up their number plates.

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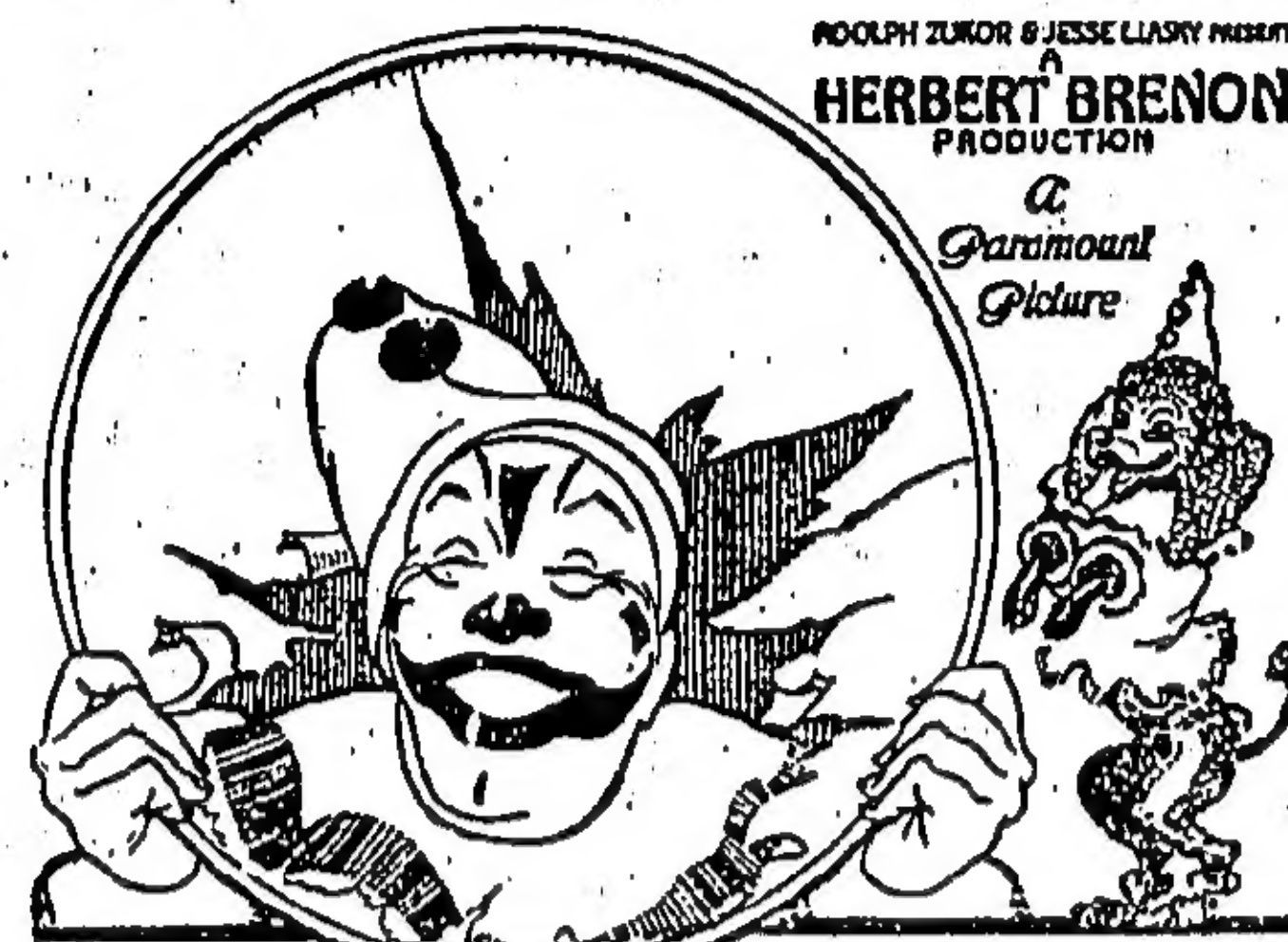
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GUESSING COMPETITION.

RESULT.

The beans were counted at the Peking Theatre on Saturday morning, February 11th, at 11 o'clock in the presence of the judges: Mr. A. J. Hughes, Mr. U. S. Harkson (representing Mr. George McCarthy), Mr. T. C. Chang and Mr. Wm. Yinson Lee.

There were 4,709 entries.

The number of beans in the bottle was 1,956.

Five persons guessed this number and they will share the \$500 prize, each to receive \$100. They are:—

Coupon No. L3194 Mr. Woo Shun-sung, 1207 Meng-tsiang Lung, Woosung Road, Shanghai.

" " L3576 Dr. Chang Yi-tsai, Hau-tai-tsang Hong, Wush.

" " L3437 Mr. Yu Tsing, 15 Cheng-hsing Lee, New Canton St., Chapel.

" " L1188 Mr. Chen Yu-tong, c/o Wing On Co., Shanghai.

" " L6435 Mr. Hsia Chi-ching, c/o Hsia Teh Hsing Co., Seward Road, Shanghai.

Twenty persons guessed numbers within ten above the correct number—1957 to 1966 inclusive—and will share \$250, each to receive \$12.50. Their coupons are:—

Nos. L 3018	M10379	L4476 (three prizes)
L 3447	L 3197	L4478 (three prizes)
L 8199	L 3110	L4477 (two prizes)
M 8018	L 3721	L6435 (two prizes)
M10896	L 3436	

Thirty-two persons guessed numbers within ten below the correct number—1946 to 1955 inclusive—and will share \$250, each to receive \$7.81. Their coupons are:—

Nos. L6439	L 3266	L3197
L2682	L 8304	L3110
L1642	L 2199	L3721
L5580	L 3306	L3436
L2617	M10898	L6436 (three prizes)
L4342	M10679	L4480 (three prizes)
L2575	M10899	L6438 (three prizes)
		L6300 (two prizes)
		L6437 (three prizes)

Cheques will be ready for distribution to prize winners on Monday, February 20th, in exchange for the receipts issued for the coupons.

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Sport Columns

CHARITY SOCCER.

ATHLETIC & RECREIO V. ROYAL NAVY.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

A charity football match will be played to-morrow afternoon on the Hong Kong Football Club ground at 4 p.m. between a combined team of selected players of the Club de Recreio and the Chinese Athletic Association against the Royal Navy.

This match is under the joint auspices of the Club de Recreio and Chinese Athletic Association and the proceeds in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Chinese charities.

Recreio won the league championship last season. This season the Athletic are leading and have not lost a match in the league.

The Hong Kong Football Association has donated a ball for the match and it will be auctioned at half-time. Mr. W. E. Hollands will referee.

Tentative line-up of the teams:—Chinese Athletic and Recreio: Pau Ka-ping; Ng Kam-chuen, Lal Yuk-tat; Xing, Wong Shui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Tso Kwai-shing, Rocha, Gosano, Suen Kam-shun, Chan Kwong-ju.

Royal Navy: Tomkins (Term); McCormick (Carlisle), Apps (Carlisle); Leonard (Tamar), Cunliff (Seraph), Tooley (Ambrose); Jones (Peters), Wilcox (Marazion), Northey (Ambrose), Lennard (Carlisle), Jones (Seraph).

RIFLE MATCHES.

H.M.S. "TAMAR'S" TREBLE VICTORY.

LOCAL LEAGUE FIXTURES.

H.M.S. "Tamar," the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards and H.M.S. "Carlisle" have fired off their fixtures in the local Rifle League. The 8th Destroyer Flotilla fired at the same time, but as a friendly fixture. The result was a treble win for the "Tamar," a double win for 8th Flotilla and a win for 2nd Batt. Scots Guards. Scores:

H.M.S. "Tamar."	200	500	600	Total.
P.O. Greening	30	31	27	88
C.P.O. Gully	34	34	28	96
Sgt. Riddler	29	28	28	85
Sgt. Hillaby	27	29	30	86
Mne. Counter	34	27	24	85
Cpl. Burnett	30	30	27	87
Sgt. Bishop	25	26	24	75
A.B. Rigby	29	33	30	92

Total 238 238 218 694
Plus 4% for open sights 20

Grand Total 714
8th Destroyer Flotilla.

	200	500	600	Total.
Lt. Berry	29	28	28	85
Ch. Sto. Black-				

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C.P.O. Best	30	29	25	84
S.B.A. Swinger	25	25	30	80
A.B. Hainer	31	30	30	91
C.P.O. Kent	30	34	28	92
L.S. Seymour	31	31	30	92
A.M. McGeisham	30	28	32	90

Total 237 225 222 684
Plus 4% for open sights 23

Grand Total 707
2nd Scots Guards.

2nd Scots Guards.				
	200	500	600	Total.
R.S.M. Murray .	31	32	28	91
Sgt Blakeley .	28	34	24	86

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C.S.M. Proven .	29	31	31	91
Sgt. Sluter	28	31	28	82
Sgt. Quinn	27	31	33	91

Total 223 253 229 705

H.M.S. "Carlisle."

	200	500	600	Total.
Lt. Foster-Hall	25	27	15	67
Mr. Chandler	31	33	29	93

C.E.R.A. Sellers	28	24	17	69
P.O. King	21	23	24	68
Sergt. Woodward	24	30	26	80

Total 207 207 185 599
Plus 4% for open sights 14

Grand Total 613

WEEK-END YACHTING.

The following is the programme of week-end yachting events arranged by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club:—

To-day—race for the racing yachts for the Presented Cups.—Course: Channel Rocks (P), Cust Rock Buoy (P), Mark on Line (P), Distance 8.1 miles.

To-morrow—Race for cruisers for Presented Cups.—Course: Discovery Bay Islets (S), Stonecutters Island (S), Mark on Line (P), Channel Rocks or reall if necessary. Distance 2.22 miles.

STEEPLECHASES.

FANLING HUNT ENTRIES FOR MARCH 3.

SPRING MEET, SIX RACES.

A departure will be made from the ordinary at the spring steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt, at Kwant (in the New Territories), on Saturday, March 3, when there will be six races instead of five as usual. Entries have closed and are—with the weights allotted in the handicaps—as follows:—

Race 1—3 p.m., Dowbiggin Cup Handicap, about 1½ miles.—Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg 178 lbs, Mr. Potts' Craigavad 168, Mr. Edie's Eze 165, Dr. Durran's Drake 165, Mr. Watson's Vincent 164, Mr. Beck's Strathlone 162, Lt. Col. L. G. Bird's Smart Guy 162, Mr. Backhouse's Shiela 158.

Race 2, March Maiden Stakes, about 1 mile.—Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, Mr. Sewell's Circe, Mr. Crabbe's Gold Medal, Mr. Reidy's Grande Del Norte, Mr. Sugden's Grey Mist, Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon, Mr. Macnamara's Lord Scampardale, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Barne's Pekin, Mr. Erskine's Rupert, Lt. Com. Heaton's Safety Firat, Mrs. Paterson's Scooter, Mr. Crabbe's Seal Tax, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, Mr. Richardson's Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's Tarzan, Messrs. Usher & Crabbe's Warrington, Mr. Durlacher's Yellow Shadow, Mrs. Dyer's Yorks.

Race 3, Hartford Cup, about 1½ miles.—Mr. Bolton's Arterxeres, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Maas's Caviare, Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Dundee, Mr. Erskine's Easter Day, Mr. Edie's Eze, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Loch Rannoch, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Hee Cheong's Man of War, Mr. Backhouse's Nimrod, Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's San Diego, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River, Race 4, March Handicap, about 1½ miles.—Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's San Diego 166 lbs, Messrs. Usher & Crabbe's Warrington 162, Messrs. Hackett Pain & Morgan's Vesuvius 161, Mr. Maas's Caviare 159, Mr. Bolton's Arterxeres 158, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper 158, Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Rannoch 156, Mr. Maas's More Better 152, Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon 151, Dr. Pierce Grove's Little River 150, Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River 150, Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Lomond 150, Mr. Sturt's Two Step 148, Mr. Miller's Tarzall 145.

Race 5, Scots Guards Regimental Race, about 2½ miles over natural country, finishing round the steeplechase course.—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Erskine's Alhambra, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Crabbe's Gold Medal, Mr. Usher's Mowgli, Mr. Barne's Pekin, Mr. Drummond Moray's Robert, Mr. Erskine's Rupert, Mr. Crabbe's Seal Tax, Mr. Miller's Tarzall.

Race 6, Moderate Plate, about 7 furlongs.—Mr. Drummond Moray's Aberteichan, Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades, Mr. Erskine's Alhambra, Mr. Bolton's Arterxeres, Mr. Watson's Blotting Paper, Mr. Usher's Castle, Mr. Maas's Caviare, Mr. Sewell's Circe, Mr. Potts' Craigavad, Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Dundee, Dr. Durran's Drake, Mr. Erskine's Easter Day, Mr. Edie's Eze, Mr. Crabbe's Gold Medal, Mr. Reidy's Grande del Norte, Mr. Sugden's Grey Mist, Dr. Anderson's Honeymoon, Mr. Macnamara's James Pigg, Dr. Pierce Grove's Little River, Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Lomond, Messrs. Usher & Reidy's Macao Beauty, Mr. Barne's Pekin, Mr. Erskine's Rupert, Lt. Com. Heaton's Safety Firat, Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's San Diego, Mrs. Paterson's Scooter, Mr. Crabbe's Seal Tax, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell's Shady Joe, Mr. Backhouse's Shiela, Dr. Pierce Grove's Siang River, Mr. Richardson's Silver Fox (late Sagamore), Lt. Col. L. G. Bird's Smart Guy, Mr. Beck's Strathlone, Mr. Miller's Tarzall, Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's Tarzan, Mr. Sturt's Two Step, Messrs. Hackett Pain & Morgan's Vesuvius, Mr. Watson's Vincent, Messrs. Usher & Crabbe's Warrington, Mr. Durlacher's Yellow Shadow, Mrs. Dyer's Yorks.

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FANLING GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. TEEING-OFF TIMES.

PLAYERS TO-MORROW.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times at Fanling to-morrow are:—

9.24 a.m.	T.	D.	E.	Pendered,
				L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.28				R. Young, R. K. Valentine.
9.32				D. C. Bruce, A. D. Humphreys.
9.36				M. M. Maas, F. Syme Thomson.
9.40				H. D. Browne, T. G. Weall.
9.44				W. A. Butterfield, W. K. Tait.
9.48				A. R. Cox, W. C. Clark.
9.52				A. O. Brown, E. des Voeux.
9.56				M. D. G. Hoare, W. A. Weight.
10.00				E. C. Frederick, S. A. Arthur.
10.04				C. G. Johnson, H. G. Hegarty.
10.08				E. R. Hallifax, E. D. Matthews.
10.12				C. P. Ross, H. E. Standage.
10.16				Major Lynch, B. D. Evans.
10.20				E. Davidson, Capt. Palmer.
10.24				H. Spicer, J. Thayer.
10.28				A. Ritchie, D. Forbes.
10.32				L. Yates, H. A. Lammeret.
10.36				D. J. Valentine, W. K. Duncombe.
10.40				G. Murray, L. R. Andrews.
10.44				D. M. Goodall, A. Morley.
10.48				G. E. Ellams, C. B. Brown.
10.52				A. Leach, F. H. Crapnell.
10.56				S. T. Butlin, F. Cowherd.
11.00				D. J. Gilmore, J. Cameron.
11.04				A. H. Rickett, A. Sommerfeld.
11.08				A. B. Purves, T. Ramsay.
11.12				E. P. Fletcher, Capt. Kennedy.

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good. Allowing two putts per green, he would have reached the ninth in 34, a score indicating the devastating nature of his golf with the wooden and iron clubs. But there are no "ifs" in golf, so in the cause of truth I must write down the score as 38, which is a horse of quite another colour.

It is pleasant to be able to record that after some rather feverish moments with the driver, which was inclined to misbehave—Mr. Wethered found inspiration in a slightly different method of swinging, with the result that the shots began to fly straight and astonishingly far. This was his experience so far as the final was concerned, but sad to relate, he spoiled it all by a most lamentable exhibition of putting. It often happens that when you have little or nothing to beat you are inclined to play down to the adversary. Without wishing to appear disrespectful to Mr. Carlisle, or his golf, it certainly appeared to be so in this case. He carried the game to the fifteenth hole not because of any unusual brilliance on his part, but because he took a proper advantage of the putting delinquencies of Mr. Wethered. This is not to say that the golf of Mr. Carlisle was wholly inept; nothing of the sort. For example, no shot could have been more soul-satisfying than his tee shot at the short fourteenth. It was so close to the hole that Mr. Wethered, who had plunged over the green into the abyss beyond, did not trouble Mr. Carlisle to hole out.

The Real Hero.

The real hero of Rye was undoubtedly Mr. J. S. C. Maughan, who plays first man in the Cambridge team. That Mr. Maughan is a jolly fine golfer, and a stout-hearted fellow into the bargain, is shown by the way in which he tackled—first Sir Ernest Holderness, and then Mr. Wethered. The match with Sir Ernest was in its way an epic. Mr. Maughan was three down with three to play, about as uncomfortable a position as one could imagine. Against a player like Sir Ernest there is precious little hope for you in circumstances such as these, but in truly astonishing fashion Mr. Maughan pulled the match out of the fire. He won the long sixteenth in a great 4, Sir Ernest being away to the right in the ruts. Mr. Maughan also won the seventeenth in a glorious 3. We now began to sit up and take notice. At the eighteenth Sir Ernest hooked his drive into the sandhills, and crashed the next shot on to the roof of the clubhouse. All square! Mr. Maughan could do no wrong. At the nineteenth he hit a colossal drive, placed a jigger shot eight yards from the hole, and proceeded to ram down the putt for a 3. Exit Sir Ernest! Mr. Maughan's finish—4, 3, 4, 3—was just one blaze of glory.

Then came the encounter with Mr. Wethered, different in a way, but hardly less exciting, because of the amazing finish. Mr. Maughan fought so gallantly against an opponent who was doing most things right that the match was all square with two holes to play. After Mr. Wethered had cut his drive at the seventeenth into the cart ruts running parallel with the fairway, it looked as certain as anything could be that Mr. Maughan must win the hole and be dorny 1. But a miracle happened. Mr. Wethered dug deep into the rut, and the ball, making a distinct swerve in the air from left to right, sailed over the intervening bunkers, and flopped down 5 ft. away from the hole. In

FANLING HUNT.

POINT-TO-POINT RACES TO-MORROW.

SPECTATORS' ACCOMMODATED

The Joint Masters of the Fanling Hunt have arranged a Point-to-Point meet to take place to-morrow at 11.30 a.m.—Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, who won the heavy-weight division of the Paper Chase at Fanling last Sunday, is to be Master of Ceremonies—a sufficient guarantee that the fare will be of the best—and with the assistance of Mr. M. Bolton will flag a course which will start at the rear of Mr. Peter Potts' bungalow. The course covers a tract of very excellent cross-country going, of approximately four miles, with obstacles interspersed that should test the ability of some of the best of our dare-devil Hunt followers.

A record entry is assured and to make the sport more interesting the Masters have decided to divide the field into two classes which will furnish a race for light-weights and heavy-weights.

Spectators have been specially provided for on a hill situated in the centre of the course whence they will have an uninterrupted view of the entire race.

At the conclusion of the Meet everyone will be invited to the "Hunters Arms" where the cups will be presented to the lucky winners and "Mine Host," Mr. T. C. T. Beck, will administer the usual culminating kick to the end of another perfect day.—Contributed.

MOTOR BOATING.

BRITISH ENTHUSIASTS AT FUNCTION.

What probably constituted a record for any motor boating dinner was illustrated when at the New Prince's restaurant, London, over 200 keen British marine motoring enthusiasts were present at the 23rd annual dinner of the British Motor Boat Club that has done so much to foster the interests of the increasing numbers of British motor boat enthusiasts in Britain.

Among those prominent in motor boating circles and those responsible for the production of outstanding British productions were:—Sir Arthur Clarke, Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord Herbert Scott, Mr. Campbell Farrar, Mr. Mawley Brooke, Mr. Arthur Bray, Mr. Walter D. Fair, Mr. H. Scott-Paine, Captain Wolf Barnato, Miss Carstairs and Mr. F. C. Bersey.

Toast to the Press.
The British Press who have recently done much to foster Motor Boating, received a toast by Count Johnston Road which was replied to by Mr. Chalkley, while Colonel Millard responded to the toast of the Club.

During 1927 over 90 new members have been added to the Club's roll as well as more than 40 associate members. The Club's flag, a red and white diagonal cross on a blue background, can frequently be noted far afield, many boats of members racing on the Continent and in America.

A long experience of golf I have never witnessed a more remarkable or a more thrilling shot. It seemed incredible that such a shot from such a position could be played. But there was the ball close enough to the hole to give Mr. Wethered a 3. So, instead of Mr. Maughan being dorny, the boat was on the other leg.

SHIELD SOCCER.

SOMEONE HAS SAID

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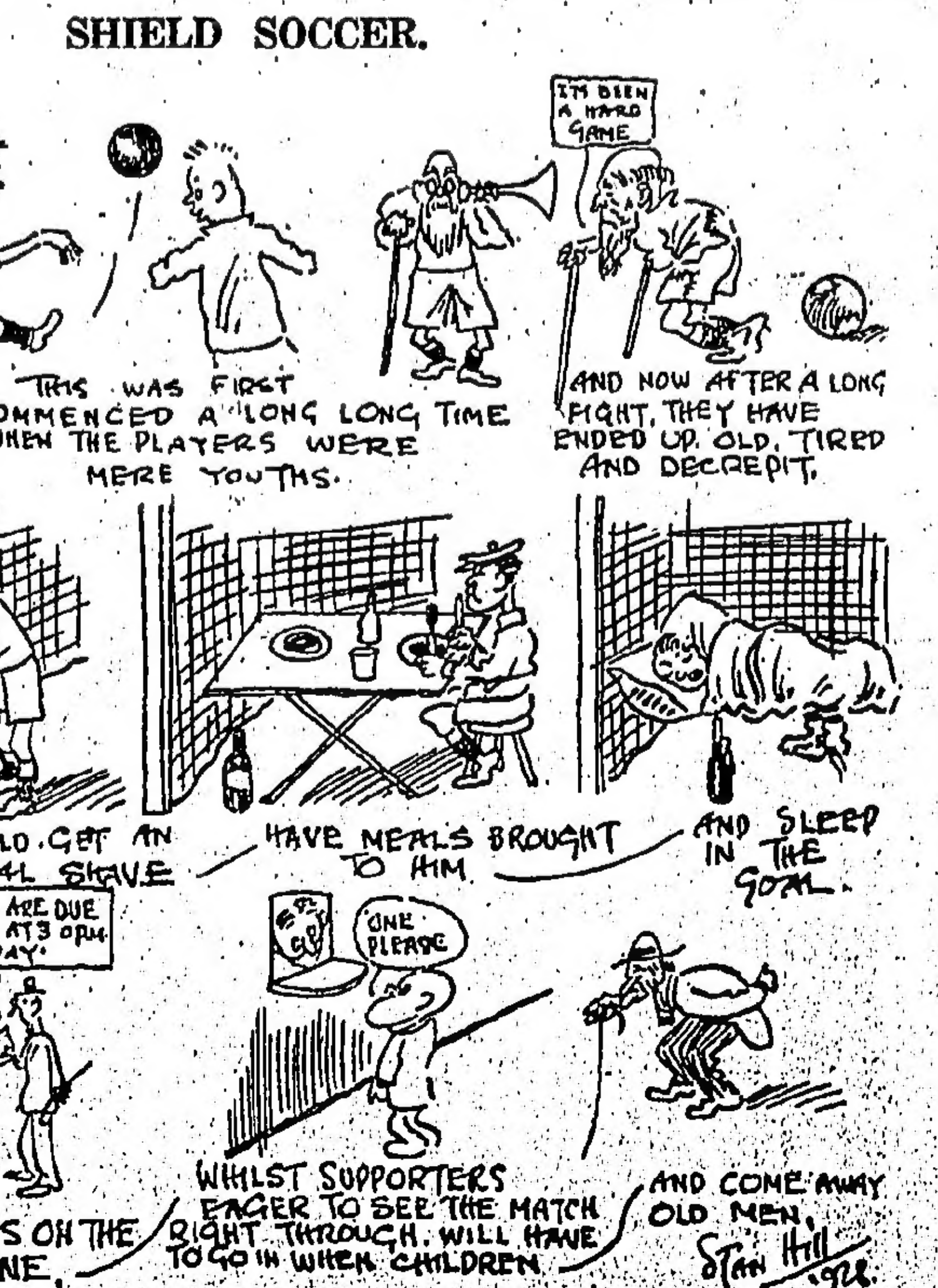
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Those Replies.

HOME TENNIS.

KOZELUH AS COACH AT WIMBLEDON.

ENGLAND'S NEW CHANCE.

Karel Kozeluh's appointment to a coaching post at Wimbledon will give general satisfaction, not least among young British players, who need the stimulant of fresh and inspiring ideas. The possibility of the present professional champion of France coming to the All England Club was first announced in "The Daily Telegraph" (says A. Wallis Myers in that paper). It is understood that the Czech-Slovak will receive a round sum commensurate with his prestige and experience. Negotiations, as I intimated a week or two ago, were at one time in jeopardy; there had apparently been some misapprehension on both sides. But the matter has now been settled with mutual satisfaction, and Kozeluh will begin his six weeks' course in April next under auspices which should be quite amenable.

The professional champion kept his title at Beaulieu with something in hand. He had been suffering from "tennis elbow" when he arrived on the Riviera; he was lucky to assuage it in the damp weather of December, though the relative rest in that month was probably a benefit. But after he had "slaughtered" Negro in the semi-final—a job requiring a considerable amount of arm and footwork, for Negro is a sort of Kirkwood of the courts, and varies his pace very craftily—the old ailment returned, and was doubtless the reason why, in his final against Najuch, Kozeluh's strokes were more defensive than defiant. This method sufficed, because his Polish adversary was teased into many indiscretions, and rarely served a fast ball which kept within the boundaries of the court.

Had Najuch forgotten that he was meeting the holder of the championship—and for a stake of 10,000f—he might so have controlled his fiercest drives that Kozeluh's sweet answer would not have evaded the wrath. It was one of those matches, though the imagination of neither man was as great, that reminded me of S. H. Smith against H. L. Doherty. That is, a contest between force and finesse, between muscular vigour, aiming for the lines, and athletic mobility, parrying these robust blows and inviting their disruption by steadiness and stealth. The comparison must end there because Kozeluh did not volley, even at judicious intervals, as H. L. Doherty did when he met the great amateur driver.

His reluctance to come to the net was doubtless a measure of prudence. He did not want to give Najuch a target, nor the moral stimulant of a clean passing shot. But the higher art of lawn tennis—the game as practical in modern times by T

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MAN-HUNT.

CHASE AND CAPTURE IN
VICTORIA SUBWAY.

'PHONE BOX ALARM.

An exciting chase after a man in the subway leading from Victoria (Underground) Station to the Southern Railway Company's terminal and a rough-and-tumble among a crowd of hurrying people, ending in the man's capture occurred recently.

A young woman went into one of the telephone booths in the Underground booking-hall, and putting her handbag on the ledge provided for the purpose, was speaking when a well-dressed man stealthily put his arm inside the door, snatched the bag, and made off.

It happened that he was being watched by a railway porter and a detective, owing to complaints of similar thefts elsewhere, and they promptly chased him through the subway. He doubled and dodged among the passers-by, of whom there is usually a good many during the evening, and with the help of several of them the detective and the porter ran him down.

It was some time before the excitement passed, as there were screams from women and shouts from men as they were hustled about during the chase, but the man was eventually handed over to a member of the Metropolitan Police Force. He was afterwards charged with theft.

A SILK COAT.

SMUGGLING CHARGE AFTER
PARIS VISIT.

Miss Betty E. Stockfield, of Bolham Place, South Kensington, an actress, was accused at Lewes of the fraudulent evasion of the Customs duty on a silk embroidered coat, nine silk handkerchiefs, and two silk handbags, which she had brought from Paris.

A penalty of £18 15s. 6d. and 5 guineas costs was imposed—payment to be made within a month. Mr. Gibson said that it was an ordinary case of smuggling and that the Customs claimed £100, treble value, and duty of the goods.

When Miss Stockfield landed at Newhaven from Dieppe on October 25 she declared seven pairs of gloves and a small quantity of perfume spirits.

The coat, which she had bought in Paris for 3,000 francs (£24), was found in her suitcase. She said that it was for her own use, and that she had worn it once.

Mr. Carpenter, for the defence, said that Miss Stockfield was a young actress. She was invited to go to Paris by Ellen Menkin, an American actress. In Paris Miss Menkin ordered the goods for her professional business in America. They were not delivered in time and she asked Miss Stockfield to bring them to England so that she could take them in the Olympic.

FORMER WIFE.

FORTUNE FOR 8-YEAR-OLD
SON OF LORD CATHCART.

George, fifth Earl Cathcart, who died in November last, aged 66, has left estate of the value of £209,295.

The will is provided by Colin Walter Campbell, of 1, Pall Mall East, S. W., and Major Archibald John Angus Douglas, of the Caledonian Club Charles Street, St. James's. He gives £500 a year in trust for his former wife, £1,000 to C. W. Campbell, £250 to Archibald John A. Douglas, and the residue of the property in trust for his son, the present earl, who is eight years of age.

In the event of the failure of these trusts, the ultimate residue is to be held in trust for his sister, Lady Cecilia Rose, for life, and then in trust for his niece, Dorothy Leigh Howard, and her children. Earl Cathcart divorced his wife in 1922, citing the Earl of Craven as co-respondent.

Lord Cathcart's marriage, in 1919, to Vera, widow of Captain de Grey Warter, 4th Dragon Guards, surprised society, as he was regarded as a confirmed bachelor.

The news of his death, it was reported, came as a blow to his former wife, who at the time was suffering from heart trouble.

ACQUITTED BY COURT.

William Thomas Lilburn (41), an employee of the Westminster City Council, was charged on remand at Bow Street Police Court with stealing £38 belonging to a sick and lean club conducted by scavengers and minor employees of the Council.

After hearing Mrs. Lilburn and another witness for the defence, the Magistrate said that upon the evidence he did not think it would be right to convict, and he ordered Lilburn to be discharged.

MANGER PROFANE.

BLOODSHED IN
BETHLEHEM.

PRIEST AT BLOWS.

A quarrel between a number of priests, ending in the shedding of blood on the manger of Christ at Bethlehem, is reported in Rome by the "Corriere d'Italia," a newspaper especially identified with Roman Catholic Church news. Unusually wrangling over the arrangement of time-tables between members of the various cults entitled to conduct services in the holy places, but the latest profanity is almost beyond belief.

The affair is reported from Bethlehem in considerable detail, and the following is a summary of the story as described from the point of view of the correspondent of the "Corriere d'Italia."

The Franciscans enjoy an ancient privilege of celebrating Mass before the holy manger on Christmas Day and Epiphany until five o'clock in the afternoon. The struggle began at Christmas, when priests of the Greek Church; it is alleged, reviled the Franciscans during the conclusion of Mass, snatching and breaking candles held in the hands of the Roman priests as they were about to place them on the altar table.

Candlesticks as Weapons.

The intervention of the British authorities led to apologies from the Greeks to the Latin priests, but the fires were not spent and broke out again on the morning of the vigil of Epiphany.

On this occasion a Franciscan friar was threatened by two Greek priests armed with candlesticks, and, failing to make the friar leave the holy shrine, it is alleged that they struck him down with these ornaments, so that he fell bleeding before the manger. His cries brought another Franciscan to the scene, who is likewise said to have been felled, while yet another met with the same reception. By this time the civic guard arrived on the scene, but, seeing the blood-spattered shrine, retired for reinforcements.

The authorities demanded "usual apologies" from the Greeks, but the Italian and Spanish Consuls—one of the friars was a Portuguese, whose interests are looked after by Spain—are taking up the matter for the protection of Catholic rights. The trouble, it appears, had its origin in the clashing of worship time-tables.

ELBOW TROUBLE.

WHERE OSTEOPATHS BEAT
MEDICAL MEN.

"Tennis elbow" is referred to by Mr. G. Percival Mills, surgeon of the Royal Orthopaedic and Spinal Hospital, Birmingham, in the "British Medical Journal."

"The condition is extremely common," he says, "and so helpless have we (the doctors) been that most sufferers now never consider consulting a medical man at all, while the osteopaths and non-medical manipulators have been curing the patients in hundreds."

The trouble (he continues) is almost confined to tennis players, golfers, and workers in certain trades which involve the use of a hammer. The sufferers experience a sudden pain in certain attitudes, and frequently will drop a cup of tea when reaching to take it from a tray.

Dr. Mills has performed a manipulation successfully on a number of patients. Describing the curing of one patient, he says that, bending up the wrist, he suddenly and forcibly straightened out the elbow joint. There was a snap like a pistol shot.

The patient stated afterwards that for the first time for many years, he was able to take a back-hand volley without pain.

"The pathology of the lesion," he concludes, "is uncertain."

SHOT MAJOR.

MUCH MONEY LOST IN
FARMING.

The man found shot in a flat at Dalmeny Court, Duke Street, was identified at the Westminster inquest as Wilfred Stuart Dayrell, D.S.O.

Lt.-Col. W. Armitage, of Parliament Street, a brother-in-law, said that Dayrell was about 42 years of age. He was a major in the Infantry army. Major Dayrell had been living apart from his wife.

The coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, in returning a verdict of Suicide while of Unsound Mind, said that one of the letters found on Major Dayrell called attention to the fact that his account was overdrawn at the bank. Like most people who farmed, Major Dayrell had lost a great deal of money, and was obliged to sell his farm. In addition to the worry caused by the financial position, he was also worried about his son's health.

"MUMMY'S BOY."

YOUNG UNMARRIED
MEN.

STILL A BABY.

"When a young man remains unmarried because he does not want to leave his mother, people say, 'How beautiful!' The plain truth is that he is still a baby, afraid to break the maternal tie."

This is the startling opinion that Dr. Alice Hutchinson gave about the only sons who remain single. Dr. Hutchinson was lecturing on the psychology of parenthood. In the course of her lecture she blamed birth-control for the large numbers of single-child families in England.

"The only child is a terrible monstrosity," she declared. "He may replace drink as Britain's greatest curse."

"Birth-control," said Dr. Hutchinson, "had wrecked many marriages. Young people marrying at 20 may not be able to continue having children until they are 40, but if, on the other hand, the maternal instinct remained unsatisfied, the wife was inclined to harbour animosity against the husband."

Brothers and sisters quarrelled at games, said Dr. Hutchinson, in discussing the most-complained-of "discomforts" of large families, but that was because the superficial discord of the parents worked havoc with the family. So-called excellent parenthood methods often made the children selfish and prevented the development of the best citizens.

OLD WINCHESTER.

SCHEME TO PRESERVE
ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

A scheme to preserve the character of the historic central area of Winchester has received the sanction of the Minister of Health.

Many of the most interesting features in Winchester have been destroyed by the vandalism of past ages. A number of interesting fifteenth century timber buildings were demolished some time ago. The town council cannot preserve all ancient buildings which still remain private property, but they will now be able to prevent alterations to old buildings and control new buildings.

One of the present problems is the building along the road to Southampton. If no action is taken, there will probably be in a few years' time a continuous line of houses between Winchester and Southampton.

It is proposed, in the New Year, to take steps to secure for the nation a stretch of Cornish cliff, known as Church Cliff, about fifty acres in extent, which is part of the glebe land attached to the vicarage of Tintagel. It overlooks the precipitous island rock, owned by the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, upon which stand the romantic ruins of King Arthur's Castle.

The rugged, windswept cliff commands magnificent marine views, and the whole district is closely connected with the legendary exploits of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

GUARDIANS CRITICISED.

The Ministry of Health has written to the Edmonton Board of Guardians alleging that they had given outdoor relief in cases "where the household income is considerable and the existence of destitution is not apparent," that "there is an appreciable number of able-bodied persons receiving outdoor relief who have no dependants," and that relieving officers have been giving relief without an order from the Board.

The Board will hold a special meeting to consider the letter.

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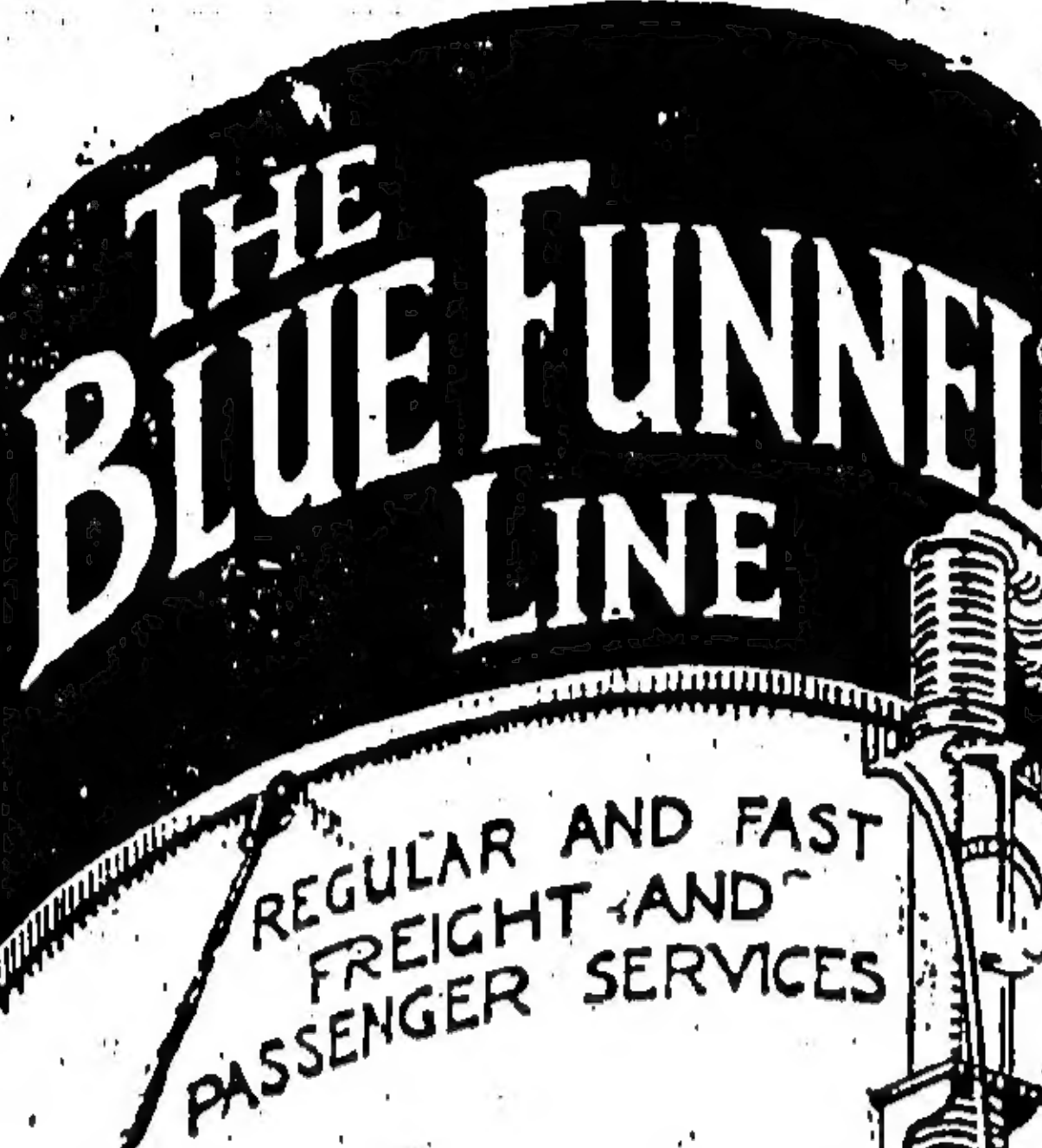
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Sandakan	Hin Sang	1.30 p.m.
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Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	2 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Kanchow	5 p.m.

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ILFORD ELECTION.

Conservatives Retain Seat.

THE LIBERAL VOTE.

Mr. Lloyd George Points Out It Was Nearly Doubled.

London, Yesterday. The Ilford by-election, caused by the death of Sir Frederick Wise, resulted as follows:—
Sir George Hamilton (Conservative) 18,269
Mr. A. S. Comyns Carr, K.C. (Liberal) 13,621
C. R. Degruy (Labour) 8,922
—Reuter.

This was the 39th by-election since the General Election, and the gains and losses up to now are:—
Conservatives one gain, nine losses.
Labour seven gains, one loss.
Liberals three gains, two losses.

The only Conservative gain was the Combined Universities at the expense of the Liberals, and the only Labourite loss was North-Southwark to the Liberals.

Including Ilford, the Conservatives have retained 21 seats, the Labourites five and the Liberals two.

Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed, said the Liberal poll had nearly doubled and Labour had remained stationary, although the working class population had increased.

It was useless to scoff at a Liberal revival after Ilford's remarkable result.

Conservative headquarters thought the result very satisfactory as Sir G. Hamilton had no local connections like his predecessor. —Reuter.

BATTERY DINNER.

FORMERLY THE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

VOLUNTEERS MEET.

Formerly the Artillery Company of the Hong Kong Volunteers—now known as The Battery, H.K.V.D.C.—the annual dinner of this unit took place at Volunteer Headquarters last night.

Members of the Battery, together with their friends, numbering in all about sixty, sat down to an excellent repast in the course of which speeches were made by Captain Martin (O.C. of the Battery), Lt. Col. Robinson, C. O. Hong Kong Singapore Brigade, R.A., Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, Commandant, H.K.V.D.C., and Major C. Wilson, O.B.E.

The guests included R.A. officers and Capt. Martin referred with appreciation to the interest many of them had taken in the Battery and to the assistance given in training members. He also expressed the pleasure it had given all members to realise that the change of name from the Artillery Company to the Battery had received official sanction. He also mentioned that application had been made to the C.R.A. for affiliation with the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong and hoped that official permission would shortly be forthcoming.

Lt. Col. Robinson, on behalf of R.A. officers present, thanked the Battery for their hospitality and said that what assistance had been given, had been given willingly. Referring to the camp at Tai Lam, he hoped that the Battery would add still more to their numbers to make the gun teams even more efficient units.

Lt. Col. Bird, in the course of his tribute to the excellent work of the Battery, reminded them that the first Volunteer unit in Hong Kong had been an Artillery unit and it was not until some years later that infantry and machine gun sections were added.
An enjoyable evening closed with musical items.

SMALL FIRE.

The Kowloon fire brigade received a call at 11.40 yesterday morning to a small fire which occurred at No. 18, Canton Road, second floor. The engines arrived in quick time and soon had the fire extinguished. The total damage is known to be valued \$5, as only one banknote, two mosquitoes' nets were destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is traced to the fact that the children were playing with lighted paper.

CHINESE ABROAD.

Non-Registrations In Britain.

POLICE ACTIVE.

Oriental Suspected Of Smuggling Of Goods.

London, Yesterday. The police are visiting Chinese quarters in various parts of the United Kingdom in connection with the question of alien registration. Many Chinese enter the country and engage in various activities without registering under the Aliens' Act, and it is feared that some of them may be employed in the illicit smuggling of goods into the country.

The Home Office has instructed the police to ascertain what proportion of Orientals in the country could reasonably be suspected of engaging in illicit trade. —Reuter.

JANUARY WEATHER.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE.

OBSERVATORY RETURNS.

The lowest temperature officially recorded in January in Hong Kong was 45 degrees Fahrenheit, this being the minimum on the last day of the month. The highest was 77, the maximum on the 28th.

The greatest difference between maximum and minimum for one day was on the 29th; the day preceding was also one of extremes as the following will show:—

	Max.	Min.	Range.
28th	77.0	64.1	12.9
29th	64.2	49.4	14.8

As compared with the average for forty years (1884-1923), however, January was not a cold month. The following mean temperatures are quoted by the Observatory.

	Max.	Mean	Min.
Jan. 1928 mean	65.9	61.6	57.8
" 1884-1923 "	64.4	59.8	56.1

Other Figures.

Other figures make interesting reading.

	Cloudiness (per cent.)	Sunshine (hrs.)	Rain (ins.)
Jan. 1928	82	93.7	1.880
1884-1923	62	149.6	1.293

Rainfall registered during January was as follows:—

	inches.	days
Botanical Gardens	2.17	12
Mount Kellett	1.25	8
Tai Po Police Station	1.19	3

Lowest barometer reading (at mean sea level)—29.871 inches at 4 p.m. on the 16th.
Maximum squall velocity (recorded by Dines-Buxendell anemograph)—47 miles per hour at 11.25 p.m. on the 7th.

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8TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

MEMBERS HONOURED.

Sir Robert Ho Tung (the first president) and Mr. George Grimble (who has been president for the last three years) were elected honorary members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association at the eighth annual meeting held yesterday. The honour was conferred on them in recognition of services to the Association.

Mr. Grimble relinquished the post of president because he is due for home leave. Mr. A. H. Crook (Headmaster), on behalf of the Association and the College, wished him a pleasant holiday.

Officials were elected as follows:—
President: Mr. Lee Hysan.
Vice-President: Mr. H. K. Hung (Hung Hing-kam).
Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. G. Anderson.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Chow Ping-un.

Committee: Messrs. Fung Ting-yau, F. M. el Arculli, Cheung King-pak, Chiu Ho-ping, C. Choa, S. M. Churn, J. F. Grose, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Ho Sai-cheong, Fung Iu-cheung, Lo Man-hin, A. G. Sufiad, Tse Ching-fong, W. Kay.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

POLISH INTRIGUE.

56 Persons On Trial At Vilna.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES.

Four ex-Members Of Diet Included.

Warsaw, Yesterday. The trial has begun at Vilna of 56 persons alleged to belong to the White Ruthenian Communist Organisation and charged with indulging in activities calculated to overthrow the political and social order in Poland and to detach territories from the eastern provinces of Poland for the benefit of Soviet Russia.

Some of the accused are also charged with espionage on behalf of a foreign power while others are charged in connection with the murder of a police constable.

The accused include four ex-members of the Diet, and the charges fill 58 pages together with 36 volumes of documents, while 600 witnesses have been summoned. —Reuter.

DISCHARGED.

KNITTING FACTORY EX-PARTNER.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

Sit Kam-kong who was last week remanded by Major C. Willson on a charge of larceny by a servant of \$3,000, the property of the Kam Sing Knitting Factory, was yesterday discharged by the Magistrate, when Mr. M. K. Lo, who prosecuted on behalf of Au Cheuk-fan, managing partner of the knitting factory, stated that he did not have sufficient evidence to proceed with the charge.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios was for the defence.

It may be remembered that when the case first came before the Court, Mr. Lo said he wished to secure his Worship's guidance in the matter as he disliked to bring a case to Court on insufficient evidence.

According to Mr. Lo, the accused and two other men thought of entering into a partnership in connection with the knitting factory. The accused was unable to raise his share of the capital, however, and dropped out of the partnership. The other two agreed to give him the post of accountant in the factory.

One day about two years ago, during the absence of the managing partner from the office, the accused was alleged to have taken the key of the safe and opening it removed the \$3,000. After that the accused left the office and was not seen again until his arrest recently.

The Office Boy.

Mr. Lo explained that the only person who saw the accused take the money from the safe was an office boy who had since died at the Kwong Wah Hospital. Therefore the only evidence that could be produced against the accused was that of the managing partner who could say that the \$3,000 was in the safe when he left the office, and when he came back he found that the safe had been interfered with and the \$3,000 was missing.

Another piece of evidence against the accused, according to Mr. Lo, was a letter which he was alleged to have written from the country to the managing partner suggesting that the business be sold and the \$3,000 deducted from the proceeds.

Major Willson's opinion was that a great deal depends on whether or not the accused was a partner in the firm.

Mr. Lo said that he would be able to produce the two partners to prove that the accused was not a partner of the firm, but when the case was again called yesterday afternoon, Mr. Lo after a consultation in Chambers, made application for the accused's discharge.

Guatemala appears to be recovering from the business depression that prevailed during the latter part of 1923, due to a short coffee crop.



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